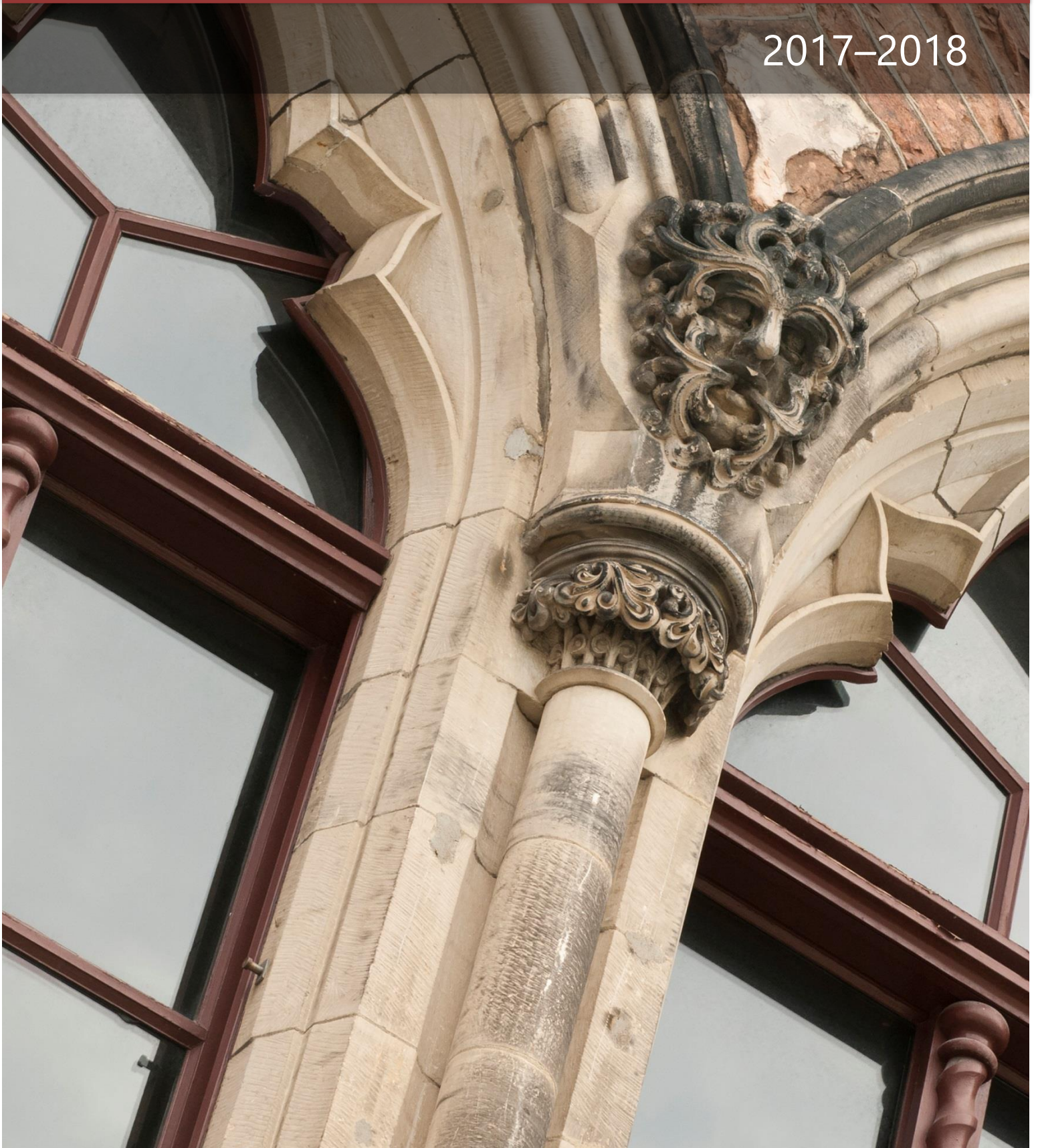




Senate Committees Directorate **Activities and Expenditures** **Annual Report**

2017–2018



Message from the Principal Clerk of Committees



Committees are at the core of the legislative and policy review work of the Senate, and every year well over a thousand Canadians contribute to their work by appearing as witnesses. Other Canadians follow the work of committees by watching the webcasts or CPAC broadcasts, or by reading the many committee documents, including transcripts of meetings, minutes and reports on the parliamentary website. Senators spend an enormous amount of time in committee outside of the sittings of the Senate itself, and the Committees Directorate is very proud to provide the procedural and administrative support required to help senators to achieve their committee objectives.

Activity levels in 2017–2018 reflect the effect of having a fiscal year uninterrupted by a prorogation or dissolution. As can be seen in the numbers of meetings held, witnesses heard, and hours spent in meetings, senators and their committees were quite busy. The individual committee summaries included in this annual report demonstrate that a great deal of valuable work was conducted by committees in the course of 2017–2018.

Of particular note for this past fiscal year, the Senate found unique ways in which to account for a growing cohort of independent senators without disrupting studies and work already in progress. With the adoption of a sessional order in November 2017, the Senate again accounted for rapid changes in relative numbers among the two party caucuses and the parliamentary group of independent senators. Despite this realignment of membership and leadership among many of the committees, the work of committees has continued apace and, like the fiscal year before, hit peak activity indicator numbers across the board.

Senate committees have continued the heavy workload they undertook in 2016–2017 in the new fiscal year and the two new special committees on the Arctic and the Charitable Sector respectively are now fully functional and adding to the total workload being shouldered by senators.

Blair Armitage
Principal Clerk

Mission Statement

The Senate of Canada, as part of the Parliament of Canada, is an integral part of the federal legislative process. As a legislature, the Senate has established a number of committees to deal with the examination of bills, estimates and special studies on various subjects. The Committees Directorate serves those committees in the areas of administration, parliamentary procedure and information relating to committee tasks and objectives. In the fulfillment of its mission, the Senate Committees Directorate has the responsibility to:

- ✧ Provide superior service to all senators serving on committees;
- ✧ Perform duties in a courteous, professional and impartial manner;
- ✧ Respect the principle of confidentiality working with senators and in supporting committees;
- ✧ Promote the public image of the Senate in particular, and Parliament in general;
- ✧ Observe the rules, regulations and policies of the Senate;
- ✧ Develop human resources; and
- ✧ Encourage innovation to improve its operations.

Clerks and Administrative Assistants 2017–2018

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Administrative Assistant

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Deputy Principal Clerk

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Marie-Ève Belzile (until January 2018)

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Lynn Gordon

Louise Martel

Keli Hogan

Diane McMartin

Max Hollins (until July 2017)

Lori Meldrum

Mireille LaForge (until November 2017)

Stéphanie Pépin (since May 2017)

Gaëtane Lemay

Annie Trudel

François Michaud (since September 2017)

Kalina Waltos (since May 2017)

Mark Palmer

Kevin Pittman

Barbara Reynolds

Jessica Richardson (until August 2017)

Victor Senna

Ferda Simpson (October 2017 to February 2018)

Adam Thompson

Legislative Clerks

Matthieu Boulianne (until September 2017)

Joëlle Nadeau

Angus Wilson (since October 2017)

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Part I – General Information

Overview of Activities and Expenditures

Structure of Senate Committees

During fiscal year 2017–2018, the directorate provided administrative, procedural, informational and other support to Senate committees, which include:

- ✧ 16 standing committees (and 8 subcommittees);
- ✧ 2 standing joint committees (composed of members of the Senate and of the House of Commons);
- ✧ 3 special committees; and
- ✧ the Committee of Selection.

The size of committees, their general areas of study and the number of members required for quorum are set under rules 12-3, 12-6 and 12-7 of the *Rules of the Senate*.

Pursuant to the orders of the Senate of December 7 and December 12, 2016, the Committee of Selection adopted a report on December 14, 2016 increasing the size of committees by three senators. These sessional orders expired on October 31, 2017. Following the adoption by the Senate on November 7, 2017 of a motion concerning the membership of committees, the three additional seats on each committee were removed on November 19, 2017 and a second deputy chair position was added to several committees.

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament are administered through other offices.

Operating Expenditures*

Committees Directorate	
28.8 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)	
Operating Expenditures	
Directorate:	\$65,402
Committees:	\$836,424
Witnesses:	\$384,081
Working Meals:	\$36,599
Other:	\$65,056

* All data contained in this report was extracted from the *Journals of the Senate*, the proceedings of Senate committees and the records of the Senate Finance and Procurement Directorate.

Committee Activities

Committees account for much of the activity of the Senate. On average, nearly fifty bills are examined and over fifty special studies are undertaken each year. While all committees must respect the *Rules of the Senate* and the *Senate Administrative Rules*, there are significant variations between committees with respect to how they undertake, organize and carry out their work. In addition, some committees focus almost exclusively on legislation, while others give special studies most of their attention.

Committee Operations

The following table compares the various activities of all Senate committees by fiscal years since 2013–2014.

Activity Indicators	2017–2018	2016–2017	2015–2016	2014–2015	2013–2014	5-year average
Meetings	608	601	336	586	422	510.6
Reports	120	96	98	126	119	111.8
Hours in committee	948.2	999.8	493.4	937.8	637.8	803.4
Witnesses	1,980	1,937	1,023	2,116	1,277	1,666.6
Bills	50	54	20	71	44	48.4
Fact-Finding Hours	251.1	280.5	3.5	287.7	134.7	191.5
Pre-Studies/Subject Matter	8	9	7	18	10	11
Special Studies Undertaken	44	67	41	57	85	58.8
Trips	20	19	1	19	8	13.4

The following table illustrates the orders of reference considered by Senate committees during fiscal year 2017–2018.

Orders of Reference	No. of Meetings	% of Total Meetings	No. of Hours	% of Total Hours
Bills and Subject Matter of Bills	174	28.6%	269.0	28.4%
Special Studies	336	55.3%	524.2	55.3%
Permanent (Internal & subcommittees (in public), Rules, Conflict of Interest, Selection, Scrutiny, Library)	22	3.6%	25.5	2.7%
Total*	532	87.5%	818.7	86.3%

* Please note that totals may not add up due to rounding.

Trips

Every year, a number of trips are undertaken to gather testimony at local and regional levels. Committees hold public hearings in locations throughout Canada, and undertake fact-finding trips both within Canada and abroad. Committee travel provides senators with the opportunity to better familiarize themselves with the issues they are studying and to obtain evidence and information that cannot be obtained in Ottawa.

Fact-finding missions conducted within Canada and abroad do not include public hearings. As such, they are not considered official proceedings and no transcripts are published. The information gathered, however, is still valid to the committee's inquiry and can be used in a report of the committee.

Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

Fact-finding mission (study on the acquisition of farmland in Canada and its potential impact on the farming sector):

- ✧ Washington, D.C., United States (May 15 to 18, 2017)

Public hearings and fact-finding missions (study on the potential impacts of climate change on the agriculture, agri-food and forestry sectors):

- ✧ Halifax, Nova Scotia and Montreal, Quebec (October 1 to 6, 2017)
- ✧ Vancouver, British Columbia and Calgary, Alberta (March 18 to 23, 2018)

Aboriginal Peoples (APPA)

Public hearings and fact-finding mission (study on the new relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples):

- ✧ Calgary, Siksika, and Buffalo Lake, Alberta; Île-à-la-Crosse and Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; Winnipeg, Manitoba (March 18 to 24, 2018)

Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

Fact-finding mission (study on the current and emerging issues of the banking sector and monetary policy of the United States):

- ✧ New York, New York, and Washington, D.C., United States (May 8 to 11, 2017)

Fact-finding mission (study on issues and concerns pertaining to cyber security and cyber fraud):

- ✧ New York, New York, United States (December 12 to 13, 2017)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (ENEV)

Fact-finding mission (study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy):

- ✧ St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador; Summerside, Prince Edward Island; Saint-André and Saint John, New Brunswick (April 30 to May 5, 2017)

National Finance (NFFN)

Public hearings (study on the Minister of Finance's proposed changes to the *Income Tax Act* respecting the taxation of private corporations and the tax planning strategies involved):

- ✧ Vancouver, British Columbia; Calgary, Alberta; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Winnipeg, Manitoba (November 5 to 10, 2017)
- ✧ St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Saint John, New Brunswick (November 19 to 23, 2017)

Official Languages (OLLO)

Public hearings and fact-finding missions (examine and report on Canadians' views about modernizing the *Official Languages Act*):

- ✧ Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (September 20 to 23, 2017)
- ✧ Winnipeg, Manitoba (February 14 to 17, 2018)

Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

Fact-finding missions (study on Maritime Search and Rescue activities, including current challenges and opportunities):

- ✧ Southampton, United Kingdom; Dublin, Ireland; Oslo and Bodø, Norway; Copenhagen, Helsingør, Aarhus, Frederikshavn and Skagen, Denmark (September 9 to 20, 2017)
- ✧ Comox and Victoria, British Columbia (February 26 to March 2, 2018)

Human Rights (RIDR)

Public hearings and fact-finding missions (study on the issues related to the human rights of prisoners in the correctional system):

- ✧ Brockville and Kingston, Ontario; Montreal, Quebec (May 15 to 19, 2017)
- ✧ Toronto and Kitchener, Ontario (February 8 to 9, 2018)
- ✧ Halifax, Dartmouth, Cherry Brook, Truro, Springhill, Nova Scotia; Smiths Crossing, Dorchester, and Moncton, New Brunswick (March 26 to 29, 2018)

Social Affairs, Science and Technology (SOCI)

Fact-finding mission (study on the role of robotics, 3D printing and artificial intelligence in the healthcare system):

- ✧ Ottawa, Ontario (May 15, 2017)

Transport and Communications (TRCM)

Study on the regulatory and technical issues related to the deployment of connected and automated vehicles:

- ✧ Conference: Toronto, Ontario ("Automated Vehicles 2017: Planning the Next Disruptive Technology", April 18 to 21, 2017)
- ✧ Fact-finding mission: Kanata, Ontario (June 5, 2017)
- ✧ Fact-finding mission: Waterloo, Ontario (October 2 to 3, 2017)

Senate of Canada Website

The Committees Directorate regularly reassesses its presence on the Senate of Canada website (www.sencanada.ca) to ensure that it provides useful information and is user-friendly. We value the effectiveness of this medium for giving Canadians access to the work of Senate committees.

All committee reports, press releases, and appropriate directorate documents are converted into HTML and/or PDF and posted on the website. Information about Senate committees, including the date, time and place of meetings, expected witnesses, and whether the meeting will be webcast and/or video recorded for broadcasting on CPAC, are updated on a regular basis. This information is also shared via the Senate's institutional Twitter account ([@SenateCA](https://twitter.com/SenateCA) in English and [@SenatCA](https://twitter.com/SenatCA) in French). Furthermore, key directorate documents such as the *Annual Report*, *Fundamentals of Senate Committees*, *FAQs* and the *Guide to Participating in a Senate Committee Study* are also available online.

Contributions to Public Policy Development: Special Study Reports

The following list highlights the major 2017–2018 special study reports by committee. A brief summary of each of these reports is found on the subsequent pages of this document.

Foreign Affairs and International Trade (AEFA)

- ✦ *A Turning Point in Canada-Argentina Relations?* (June 2017)
- ✦ *North American Neighbours: Canada and Mexico—Cooperation in Uncertain Times* (June 2017)
- ✦ *The Deepening Crisis in Venezuela: Canadian and Regional Stakes* (July 2017)

Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

- ✦ *Market Access: Giving Canadian Farmers and Processors the World* (May 2017)
- ✦ *A Growing Concern: How to Keep Farmland in the Hands of Canadian Farmers* (March 2018)

Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

- ✦ *National Corridor: Enhancing and Facilitating Commerce and Internal Trade* (June 2017)
- ✦ *Current and Emerging Issues of the Banking Sector and Monetary Policy of the United States* (June 2017)
- ✦ *Credit Unions and the Use of the Terms “Bank”, “Banker” and “Banking”* (October 2017)

Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA)

- ✦ *Audit and Oversight* (November 2017)
- ✦ *Parliamentary Translation Services* (March 2018)

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (ENEV)

- ✦ *Decarbonizing Transportation in Canada* (June 2017)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs (LCJC)

- ✦ *Controlling Foreign Influence in Canadian Elections* (June 2017)
- ✦ *Delaying Justice is Denying Justice: An Urgent Need to Address Lengthy Court Delays in Canada* (final report, June 2017)

National Finance (NFFN)

- ✦ *Getting Ready: For a New Generation of Active Seniors* (June 2017)
- ✦ *Smarter Planning, Smarter Spending: Ensuring Transparency, Accountability and Predictability in Federal Infrastructure Programs* (second interim report, July 2017)
- ✦ *Fair, Simple and Competitive Taxation: The Way Forward for Canada* (December 2017)

Official Languages (OLLO)

- ✦ *Horizon 2018: Toward Stronger Support of French-Language Learning in British Columbia* (May 2017)
- ✦ *Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of Young Canadians* (February 2018)

National Security and Defence (SECD)

- ✦ *Military Underfunded: The Walk Must Match the Talk* (April 2017)
- ✦ *Reinvesting in the Canadian Armed Forces: A Plan for the Future* (May 2017)

Social Affairs, Science and Technology (SOCI)

- ✦ *Challenge Ahead: Integrating Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and 3D Printing Technologies into Canada's Healthcare System* (October 2017)

Transport and Communications (TRCM)

- ✦ *Driving Change: Technology and the Future of the Automated Vehicle* (January 2018)

Highlights of Special Study Reports

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (AEFA)

A Turning Point in Canada-Argentina Relations?

(Thirteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 1, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1141 S)

The committee was interested to learn more about Argentina's efforts to move away from its "troubled century" and implement an "ambitious" program of political and economic reform. In this context, the committee sought to take stock of converging values and interests between Canada and Argentina, and the new administration's priority of reconnecting South America's second largest economy with the world.

The report presented seven recommendations to the Government of Canada. It concluded that the Government of Canada should update its relationship with Argentina by developing strategies that deepen political and commercial bilateral relations and that foster constructive change for the benefit of the country's and the region's long-term stability and prosperity. The implementation of such strategies would reinforce the shared values of the two countries regarding governance, human rights, and openness to the world at a pivotal time in Argentina's history.

As relations intensify and "a new era in our relations with Latin America" opens up, Canada's status as a compelling bilateral and regional partner would be increasingly secured. Equally important, Canada would be diversifying its political and commercial partners, a necessary objective that has become prudent and urgent now more than ever given the prevailing uncertainty about Canada's existing trade relations and agreements.

North American Neighbours: Canada and Mexico—Cooperation in Uncertain Times

(Fifteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 14, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1197 S)

This report offers an assessment of the continued relevance of the committee's 2015 report (*North American Neighbours: Maximizing Opportunities and Strengthening Cooperation for a more Prosperous Future*) based on the testimonies heard in Ottawa and Mexico City. It suggests that despite the current context of uncertainty related to the North American trilateral relationship, opportunities for a more strategic, meaningful engagement between Canada and Mexico continue to exist, and that such occasions hold tremendous potential benefit not only mutually, but also for North America.

The Deepening Crisis in Venezuela: Canadian and Regional Stakes

(Sixteenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on July 20, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1244 S)

The committee held hearings in late May and early June 2017 on the deepening political, economic and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela. The purpose of these meetings was to provide committee members with timely information on the escalating situation as well as updates on recent regional dynamics since the committee tabled its 2016 report on Venezuela.

The committee made recommendations and underscored the importance of the Government of Canada undertaking a leadership role in addressing Venezuela's humanitarian crisis and ensuring that humanitarian assistance is delivered to those most in need.

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

Market Access: Giving Canadian Farmers and Processors the World

(Seventh Report [final] tabled in the Senate on May 29, 2017;

Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1088 S)

The Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector plays an important role in the Canadian economy and accounts for 6.6% of Canada's gross domestic product. Taking into account the importance of agricultural exports to the Canadian economy, the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry felt it important to undertake a study on international market access priorities for the Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector.

Over the course of this study, the committee had the privilege to talk to many of those involved in the export of Canadian agricultural products. These are products of which we can be proud as Canadians; the Canada brand is one that is sought after and appreciated globally.

A Growing Concern: How to Keep Farmland in the Hands of Canadian Farmers

(Tenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on March 9, 2018;

Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1866 S)

The family farm has been the backbone of rural Canada for generations. In the course of its previous work, the committee heard concerns regarding the rising costs of farmland in Canada, including how families could pass their farms from generation to generation and the ability of new entrants to afford to buy land.

The committee felt it would be remiss if it did not undertake a study on the acquisition of farmland in Canada and its potential impact on the farming sector to address these concerns.

The first part of the report focused on the use of farmland and changes in farmland values. The second part of the report explained changes in farmland values and their impact on farmland availability. The final part of the report outlined ways to ensure access to farmland for future generations of Canadians.

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

National Corridor: Enhancing and Facilitating Commerce and Internal Trade

(Fifteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 21, 2017;

Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1232 S)

On September 28, 2016, the Senate authorized the committee to undertake a study on the development of a national corridor in Canada as a means of enhancing and facilitating commerce and internal trade. In addition to the committee's ongoing focus on Canada's economy, of which commerce and trade are a part, interest in this particular topic stems from an earlier study on issues pertaining to internal trade barriers.

The June 2017 report, *National Corridor: Enhancing and Facilitating Commerce and Internal Trade*, noted that inadequate east-west transportation infrastructure limits the extent to which Canadian exporters can access tidewater and contained four recommendations for the federal government. In a response to the

report, issued in November, federal transport minister Marc Garneau said that the government “agrees with the committee’s finding that improving national transportation and communication networks will encourage economic growth and facilitate exports.”

Current and Emerging Issues of the Banking Sector and Monetary Policy of the United States

(Sixteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 28, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1245 S)

Members of the committee met with representatives from the U.S. financial sector, federal agencies, regulators, think tanks and trade associations during their study on the current and emerging issues of the banking sector and monetary policy of the United States and their four-day fact-finding trip to New York, New York and Washington, D.C. in May 2017. The committee’s June 2017 report provided a snapshot of the important issues facing the economies of both countries in the then-early days of the Trump administration, including a dialogue on current and emerging issues regarding U.S. financial sector regulation, NAFTA, U.S. monetary policy, and other vital issues related to Canada-U.S. economic relations.

Credit Unions and the Use of the Terms “Bank”, “Banker” and “Banking”

(Seventeenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on October 31, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1670 S)

The committee held two meetings concerning credit unions and the uses of the terms “bank”, “banker” and “banking” in the fall of 2017. The committee heard testimony regarding the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions’ (OSFI) June 2017 advisory about the *Bank Act*’s prohibition on the use of certain terms by financial service providers that are not federally regulated banks. The committee’s October report made a recommendation to the Department of Finance Canada and OSFI and highlighted its anticipation to further examine the matter during the next statutory review of the *Bank Act* and the federal financial sector framework in 2019.

Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA)

Audit and Oversight

(Twenty-First Report [interim] presented in the Senate on November 28, 2017)

In the June 2015 *Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Senate of Canada: Senators’ Expenses*, twenty-two recommendations were made, seven of which dealt with auditing and oversight. The subcommittee was tasked to review the recommendations and to consider industry best practices in establishing an audit mechanism and a possible appropriate oversight structure. It recommended to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration the establishment of a Standing Committee on Audit and Oversight and the creation of an internal auditor responsible to the committee. The recommendations dealing with changes to the *Rules of the Senate* and changes to the *Parliament of Canada Act* were presented to the Senate in the twenty-first report.

Parliamentary Translation Services

(Twenty-Seventh Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on March 27, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1924 S)

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration tasked a group of senators to review the Service Agreement between the Senate of Canada and the Translation Bureau of Public Services and Procurement Canada for Language Services. The Bureau provides the translation and interpretation

services offered to the Senate, its committees, senators' offices and the Senate Administration. Following interviews and a survey, the Advisory Working Group on Parliamentary Translation Services reported to the committee with eleven recommendations which were adopted. The group's report was subsequently tabled in the Senate.

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (ENEV)

Decarbonizing Transportation in Canada

(Tenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on June 22, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1241 S)

The committee is presently examining the effect that Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets will have on five sectors of the Canadian economy: electricity, oil and gas, transportation, buildings, and emission-intensive, trade-exposed industries—mostly heavy industries that compete in international markets such as steel and cement manufacturing.

This second interim report addressed the transportation sector. At the time of its release, the committee had held 45 hearings and heard from 120 witnesses on the topic.

Greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector accounted for almost a quarter (23%) of all GHGs in the country, second only to the oil and gas sector as the largest source of GHG emissions in Canada. Decarbonizing transportation in Canada—by deploying increasing numbers of alternative vehicles, improving vehicle fuel efficiency, shifting away from petroleum-based fuels to cleaner alternatives, and by designing low emission transportation alternatives through community and infrastructure investment, for example—raises the potential for much lower domestic GHG emissions across the economy. It brings challenges as well. The report raises questions and discusses the federal role in reducing transportation GHG emissions.

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (LCJC)

Controlling Foreign Influence in Canadian Elections

(Seventeenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 8, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1179 S)

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs reviewed the *Canada Elections Act* and concluded that the *Act* does not sufficiently protect Canadian elections from foreign interference and that the existing regime that regulates third-party advertising during election periods requires modernization in order to better ensure transparency and electoral fairness. In this report, the committee recommends that the Government of Canada review and revise the *Act* to better protect electoral fairness and prevent foreign interference.

Delaying Justice is Denying Justice:

An Urgent Need to Address Lengthy Court Delays in Canada

(Nineteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on June 14, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1195 S)

Delays in criminal proceedings have become a significant problem in Canada as many criminal cases are taking too long to reach a final disposition. When courts find that an accused's constitutional right to a trial within a reasonable time has been breached (as guaranteed by section 11(b) of the *Canadian Charter of*

Rights and Freedoms), they may order a stay of proceedings. A stay ends the process without a completed trial on the merits of the case, which affects Canadians' confidence in our justice system and can be very hard on victims. Between February 3, 2016 and March 9, 2017, the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs heard testimony from 138 witnesses on ways to improve the fairness and efficiency of the system. It also received dozens of written submissions and travelled to Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon, Montreal, and Halifax to hear local perspectives and learn best practices that could help resolve these complex issues.

In its final report of this study, the committee made 50 recommendations to address delays and modernize the justice system, of which 13 have been identified as priorities. The committee identifies steps that the federal Minister of Justice, provincial governments, the judiciary and many other participants in the justice system must take to address this crisis.

Standing Committee on National Finance (NFFN)

Getting Ready: For a New Generation of Active Seniors

(Nineteenth Report [interim] deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on June 27, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1242 S)

The committee started to examine the financial implications and regional considerations of Canada's aging population and found that the growing number of people who need care—either at home or in hospital—may require a change in the way the federal government allocates funds to the provinces, territories and First Nations governments, especially since the aging population is unevenly spread across provinces. The committee is urging the federal government to adopt a national seniors strategy to control the rising costs associated with an aging population while ensuring elderly Canadians get the care they need.

Smarter Planning, Smarter Spending:

Ensuring Transparency, Accountability and Predictability in Federal Infrastructure Programs

(Twentieth Report [second interim] deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on July 6, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1243 S)

The committee's second interim report on the design and delivery of the government's multi-billion dollar infrastructure funding program made seven recommendations aimed at improving the government's infrastructure program. The committee calls on the government to publicly release all data on infrastructure projects that are approved for funding, except for cases where national defence and security are involved. The federal government's new infrastructure program needs to be open to scrutiny and have rules that everyone can understand to ensure that Canadians get the best value for their money.

Fair, Simple and Competitive Taxation: The Way Forward for Canada

(Twenty-Fourth Report [final] deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on December 13, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1764 S)

After an extensive study and cross-Canada consultations with witnesses from many sectors including financial services, healthcare, agriculture, academia, government, small business and labour groups, the committee concluded that the changes proposed to the *Income Tax Act* by the Minister of Finance during the summer of 2017 were not detailed enough, leading to unintended consequences. Income sprinkling and passive income proposals were of particular concern to private corporation owners. The committee recommended that the government withdraw its proposed changes and undertake a comprehensive review of Canada's tax system.

Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages (OLLO)

Horizon 2018: Toward Stronger Support of French-Language Learning in British Columbia

(Fourth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on May 31, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1132 S)

The committee's report, *Horizon 2018: Toward Stronger Support of French-Language Learning in British Columbia*, made 17 recommendations on which the federal government should act in order to live up to its obligations under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and under the *Official Languages Act*. The government of British Columbia, with federal government support, should also work with French-language education stakeholders to implement the report's recommendations.

The committee's recommendations apply to francophone schools, French immersion programs and British Columbia's French-speaking community, including francophones and francophiles, and the support to which they are entitled.

According to this report, the federal government must commit to fostering the full recognition and use of French, one of Canada's two official languages, as well as to supporting the development of British Columbia's francophone community. It is essential for the federal government, with the support of its provincial counterpart, to oversee the implementation of constitutionally-guaranteed rights by ensuring citizen's access to French first-language education, from early childhood to post-secondary. It is also necessary to give the opportunity for all young Canadians to become bilingual by giving them access to French immersion programs.

Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of Young Canadians

(Seventh Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on February 16, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1863 S)

In a report entitled *Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of Young Canadians*, members of the Senate Committee on Official Languages praised Canadian youth for their commitment and passion for French and English. Young people between the ages of 14 and 24 were eager to share their aspirations to live a rich, bilingual life.

Nevertheless, the *Official Languages Act* is silent when it comes to young people. Part VII of the *Act*—which addresses the advancement of English and French, and the enhancement of official language minority communities—contains no specific provisions with regard to Canadian youth. They want the federal government to consult them when measures are being considered that could affect them.

This report is the first of six that the committee will produce during its study. Senators intend to consult with a total of five segments of the population before releasing a final report with specific recommendations for the federal government in 2019, the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the *Act*.

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence (SECD)

Military Underfunded: The Walk Must Match the Talk

(Tenth Report [interim] tabled in the Senate on April 13, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1047 S)

On April 21, 2016, the Senate authorized the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence to examine and report on issues related to the Defence Policy Review undertaken at that time by the government. This interim report addressed issues surrounding the funding of the Canadian Forces, challenges surrounding military procurement and risks to Canada's critical infrastructure. Among other recommendations, it argued that Canada should increase its military spending to 2% of GDP and change its military procurement system in order to make the process faster and more efficient. This interim report also opined that the government needs to do more to coordinate cyber defences and protect critical infrastructure. Finally, it argued that there is a need for cross-party consensus on military issues, as well as for quadrennial defence, national security and foreign policy reviews. The committee heard from 66 witnesses in Ottawa from May to December 2016. This interim report, released in April 2017, contained 16 recommendations for the federal government.

Reinvesting in the Canadian Armed Forces: A Plan for the Future

(Eleventh Report [final] tabled in the Senate on May 8, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1086 S)

On April 21, 2016, the Senate authorized the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence to examine and report on issues related to the Defence Policy Review undertaken at that time by the government. The report sets out a plan as to how the government can effectively address the strategic challenges which confront Canada and members of the Canadian Armed Forces in the 21st century. It takes into account the fact that Canada is a continent-sized country with complex defence requirements, including the longest coastline in the world and three oceans to protect. The committee heard from 66 witnesses in Ottawa from May to December 2016. The report, released in May 2017, contained 30 recommendations for the federal government.

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology (SOCI)

Challenge Ahead: Integrating Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and 3D Printing Technologies into Canada's Healthcare System

(Eighteenth Report [final] tabled in the Senate on October 31, 2017;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1663 S)

In October 2017, the committee concluded its study on the role of automation in the healthcare system. Over the course of the 12 month study, the committee held 12 meetings, conducted two site visits, and heard from 28 witnesses including researchers, research funders, ethicists, entrepreneurs and healthcare providers.

Witnesses told the committee that robotics, artificial intelligence and 3D printing could have the potential to reduce healthcare costs and make diagnoses more quickly and accurately. These technologies could also anticipate some illnesses, enabling proactive treatment. The committee also heard evidence that artificial intelligence outperforms healthcare specialists in the diagnosis and classification of certain kinds of cancer and other conditions. Similarly, robotic surgeries were described as safer, less invasive and more accurate than traditional methods.

In its report, the committee highlights some of the revolutionary changes that are coming to Canada's healthcare system. The committee concludes that although these changes have the potential to bring great benefit to patients, physicians and healthcare workers, there are nonetheless important considerations that these innovations will require, such as ethical and privacy questions, the need for renewal of the healthcare delivery system, impacts on homecare and remote and rural healthcare delivery, potential workforce adjustments, along with the need for regulatory oversight.

In total, the committee made 14 recommendations, its main one urging the federal government to capitalize on Canada's leading-edge artificial intelligence research and to bring together all stakeholders on a regular basis, to monitor the progress of integration, and the ongoing issues raised in its wake.

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications (TRCM)

Driving Change: Technology and the Future of the Automated Vehicle

(Ninth Report [final] deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on January 29, 2018;
Sessional Paper No. 1/42-1785 S)

In response to a request from the Minister of Transport, the committee began its study on the regulatory and technical issues related to the deployment of connected and automated vehicles in February 2017. The automotive sector is in a period of rapid technological change, with computers, software, sensors and connected networks being increasingly used to make vehicles safer for drivers and passengers alike. These technologies will come with substantial benefits. For example, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption; improvements in transportation safety and security; increase in efficiency, mobility, and accessibility; and the creation of economic opportunities for advanced technology jobs and investments in Canada. On the other hand, concerns in terms of job losses, privacy, cybersecurity, urban sprawl and infrastructure have been raised regarding these same technologies.

Given both the potential benefits and the challenges of these technologies, as well as the pressing need for government action, the committee made 16 recommendations to the federal government to ensure that Canada successfully deploys connected and automated vehicles.

Part II – Committee Profiles 2017–2018

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (AEFA)

A. General Information

During the 2017–2018 fiscal year, the committee studied four bills and tabled three special study reports. In the spring of 2017, the committee continued its extensive study of Bill C-30, An Act to implement the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union and its Member States and to provide for certain other measures. It reported the bill without amendment but with observations. Shortly afterwards, the committee reported on its study of Bill C-31, An Act to implement the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Ukraine, and on the subject matter of those elements contained in Division 1 of Part 4 of Bill C-44, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures.

In June 2017, the committee finalized and tabled two special study reports which concluded the committee's studies on recent political and economic developments in Argentina, and on Canada–Mexico bilateral cooperation in the context of a changing North American neighborhood. Both special studies led the committee to travel abroad on fact-finding missions during the previous fiscal year. In addition to these special study reports, the committee tabled an interim report in July on the deepening crisis in Venezuela.

In the fall of 2017, the committee adopted a new order of reference and was authorized by the Senate to study and report on the impact and utilization of Canadian culture and arts in Canadian foreign policy and diplomacy, and other related matters. Due to the parliamentary calendar and the committee's reorganization in November, the committee began meeting on this study only later in November. Over the fall and winter, the committee heard from 45 witnesses consisting of representatives from the government, industry stakeholders, artists and firms, small businesses, artistic associations, academics, and researchers. The committee continued its study into the following fiscal year.

In March 2018, the committee began its study of the subject-matter of Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts, insofar as it relates to Canada's international obligations.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Tenth	Bill S-219, An Act to deter Iran-sponsored terrorism,	2017-04-04	11	Bill S-219, without amendment

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	incitement to hatred, and human rights violations			
Eleventh	Bill C-30, An Act to implement the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union and its Member States and to provide for certain other measures	2017-05-11	52	Bill C-30, without amendment but with observations
Twelfth	Bill C-31, An Act to implement the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Ukraine	2017-05-18	5	Bill C-31, without amendment
Thirteenth	Study on recent political and economic developments in Argentina in the context of their potential impact on regional and global dynamics, including on Canadian policy and interests, and other related matters	2017-06-01	12 (14 other witnesses met in Argentina during fact-finding)	Special study leading to the final report <i>A Turning Point in Canada-Argentina Relations?</i>
Fourteenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Division 1 of Part 4 of Bill C-44, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures	2017-06-01	5	Bill C-44 – subject matter study
Fifteenth	Study on opportunities for strengthening cooperation with Mexico since the tabling, in June 2015, of the committee report entitled <i>North American Neighbours: Maximizing Opportunities and Strengthening Cooperation for a more Prosperous Future</i>	2017-06-14	5 (27 other witnesses met in Mexico during fact-finding)	Special study leading to the final report <i>North American Neighbours: Canada and Mexico—Cooperation in Uncertain Times</i>
Sixteenth	Study on foreign relations and international trade generally	2017-07-20	8	Special study leading to the interim report <i>The Deepening Crisis in Venezuela: Canadian and Regional Stakes</i>

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	43	51.6	-	130	7
2016–2017	38	46.6	36.8	104	7
2015–2016	21	25.3	-	49	5
2014–2015	40	50.9	30.0	125	6
2013–2014	29	38.2	-	77	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$22,998</u>
TOTAL	\$22,998

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator A. Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy E. Downe (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Atallahjan, Bovey, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Cools, Cordy, Dawson, Downe, Eaton, Gold, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Housakos, Marwah, Ngo, Oh, Saint-Germain and Woo

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator A. Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Deputy Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Anne C. Cools (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, Bovey, Cools, Cordy, Dawson, *Day (or Mercer), Greene, *Harder (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Housakos, Marwah, Ngo, Oh, Saint-Germain, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Cormier, Dagenais, Doyle, Duffy, Galvez, Griffin, Lankin, P.C., Manning, Martin, Massicotte, Neufeld, Omidvar, Patterson, Poirier, Pratte, Smith and Wells

Committee Clerk:

Marie-Ève Belzile

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Chantal Beaubien (Library of Parliament)

Nadia Faucher (Library of Parliament)

Marion Ménard (Library of Parliament)

Natalie Mychajlyszyn (Library of Parliament)

Pascal Tremblay (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Stéphanie Pépin (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry (AGFO)

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, three orders of reference were referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry:

- ✧ The Government response to the seventh report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry entitled *Market Access: Giving Canadian Farmers and Processors the World*, deposited with the Clerk of the Senate on May 9, 2017;
- ✧ A study on how the value-added food sector can be more competitive in global markets;
- ✧ An order of reference to examine and report on issues relating to agriculture and forestry generally.

The committee continued its study on the effects of climate change on the agriculture, agri-food and forestry sectors, and held public hearings in Ottawa. As part of this same study, the committee travelled to Halifax, Nova Scotia and Montréal, Québec, from October 1 to 6, 2017 to conduct public hearings and a fact-finding mission. The committee also travelled to Vancouver, British Columbia, and Calgary, Alberta, from March 18 to 23, 2018 to conduct public hearings and a fact-finding mission.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Study on the acquisition of farmland in Canada and its potential impact on the farming sector	2017-04-06	-	Budget
Seventh	Study on international market access priorities for the Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector	2017-05-09	154	Special study leading to final report <i>Market Access: Giving Canadian Farmers and Processors the World</i>
Eighth	Study the potential impact of the effects of climate change on the agriculture, agri-food and forestry sectors	2017-06-15	-	Budget
Ninth	Study the potential impact of the effects of climate change on the agriculture,	2018-02-01	-	Budget – supplementary funds

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	agri-food and forestry sectors			
Tenth	Study on the acquisition of farmland in Canada and its potential impact on the farming sector	2018-03-09	66	Special study leading to final report <i>A Growing Concern: How to Keep Farmland in the Hands of Canadian Farmers</i>

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018***

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	45	81.5	26.1	194	5
2016–2017	39	69.7	29.5	105	2
2015–2016	25	44.3	3.5	99	5
2014–2015	45	73.6	20.7	175	5
2013–2014	27	41.2	26	77	3

D. **Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$165,554
Witness Expenses	<u>\$47,273</u>
TOTAL	\$212,827

E. **Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Ghislain Maltais (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Bernard, Beyak, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Dagenais, Gagné, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Maltais, McCoy, Mercer, Merchant, Ogilvie, Oh, Petitclerc, Plett, Pratte, Tardif and Woo

* Chart C (“Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018”) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 23, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Diane F. Griffin (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chairs (since November 23, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Ghislain Maltais
(Conservative)

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer
(Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Dagenais, *Day (or Mercer), Doyle, Gagné, Griffin, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Maltais, Mercer, Oh, Petitclerc, Pratte, *Smith (or Martin), Tardif, Unger, Woo and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Black (Ontario), Bovey, Eaton, Gold, Lankin, P.C., Marwah, McCallum and Omidvar

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Aïcha Coulibaly (Library of Parliament)
Danièle Lafrance (Library of Parliament)
Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)
Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples (APPA)

A. General Information

In fiscal year 2017–2018, the committee carried out work on a specific order of reference focusing on exploring what a new relationship between the Government and First Nations, Inuit and Métis people could look like. At the end of the fiscal year, the committee began a subject matter study on C-45, dealing with the legalization of cannabis.

- ✧ The committee completed work on Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Indian Act (elimination of sex-based inequities in registration). The committee also considered Bill C-61 and Bill C-70 and reported back to the Senate.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Indian Act (elimination of sex-based inequities in registration)	2017-05-30	36	Bill S-3, with amendments
Seventh	Study on the new relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples	2017-06-19	-	Budget
Eighth	Bill C-61, An Act to give effect to the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	2017-12-12	9	Bill C-61, without amendment
Ninth	Study on the new relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples	2018-02-15	-	Budget – supplementary funds
Tenth	Bill C-70, An Act to give effect to the Agreement on Cree Nation Governance between the Crees of Eeyou Istchee and the Government of Canada, to amend the Cree-Naskapi (of Quebec)	2018-03-27	10	Bill C-70, without amendment

* Chart B (“Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018”) includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts			
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	36	67.8	27	144	5
2016–2017	33	59.4	31.5	105	3
2015–2016	19	29.9	-	56	6
2014–2015	44	79.4	59.5	135	6
2013–2014	30	49.3	-	72	4

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$98,174
Witness Expenses	<u>\$73,752</u>
TOTAL	\$171,926

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Lillian Eva Dyck (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Glen Patterson (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Boniface, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Dyck, Enverga, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Lovelace Nicholas, McCoy, McPhedran, Meredith, Moore, Oh, Pate, Patterson, Raine, Sinclair and Tannas

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Lillian Eva Dyck (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Boniface, Brazeau, Christmas, *Day (or Mercer), Doyle, Dyck, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Lovelace Nicholas, Manning, McPhedran, Pate, Patterson, Raine, *Smith (or Martin), Tannas and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Bovey, Coyle, Deacon, Dupuis, Frum, Gold, Hartling, Lankin, P.C., Manning, Martin, Marwah, Mégie, Ngo, Omidvar, Sinclair, Watt and White

Committee Clerks:

Mark Palmer

Barbara Reynolds (September 2017)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Brittany Collier (Library of Parliament)

Michael Chalupovitsch (Library of Parliament)

Elda Donnelly (Administrative Assistant)

Special Committee on the Arctic (ARCT)

A. General Information

The Special Senate Committee on the Arctic was created by an order of the Senate on September 27, 2017. It was appointed with the mandate to consider the significant and rapid changes to the Arctic and their impacts on the region's original inhabitants, and is set to submit its final report no later than December 10, 2018. The committee is interested in the views of peoples and communities related to themes raised in the Arctic Policy Framework Discussion Guide: infrastructure, communities, sustainable economies, Indigenous knowledge and science, protecting the environment, and the Arctic in a global context.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	6	8.3	-	11	-

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	\$3,730
TOTAL	\$3,730

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Glen Patterson (Conservative) (since March 19, 2018)

The Honourable Senator Charlie Watt (Senate Liberal) (until March 16, 2018)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Patricia Bovey (Independent Senators Group) (since March 19, 2018)

The Honourable Senator Dennis Glen Patterson (Conservative) (until March 19, 2018)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection and as amended by the Senate on December 5, 2017):

The Honourable Senators Bovey, *Day (or Mercer), Eaton, Galvez, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), McPhedran, Neufeld, Oh, Pate, Patterson, *Smith (or Martin), Watt and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Coyle, Day and Gold

Committee Clerk:

Maxime Fortin

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sara Fryer (Library of Parliament)

Thai Nguyen (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce (BANC)

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, the committee considered three bills and the subject matter of one budget bill. It also engaged in three special studies and studied general matters related to the domestic financial system.

As part of its study of Bill S-224, An Act respecting payments made under construction contracts, the committee held six meetings and heard from 24 witnesses including the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement. In its April 2017 report, the committee adopted the legislation with amendments.

The committee held five meetings and heard from 12 witnesses, including the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development as part of its study of Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Canada Business Corporations Act, the Canada Cooperatives Act, the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act and the Competition Act. In its December 2017 report, the committee adopted the legislation with amendments.

As part of its study of Bill S-237, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (criminal interest rate), the committee held four meetings and heard from 11 witnesses. In its twentieth report, the committee adopted the legislation with amendments.

In May and June 2017, the committee studied the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 3, 8, 18, and 20 of Part 4 of Bill C-44, an Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures. The committee held six meetings and heard from 29 witnesses, including the Minister of Finance and various officials from five federal departments and agencies, as well as representatives from think tanks, pension plans and the economic development, business, academic and financial services sectors. In its June report the committee highlighted the testimony related to the various divisions it examined and offered commentary on a few areas of concern.

In October 2017, the committee was authorized by the Senate to study and report on issues and concerns pertaining to cyber security and cyber fraud. Over the fall and winter, the committee heard from 32 witnesses consisting of representatives from government, industry associations, cybersecurity experts and firms, small businesses, chambers of commerce, think tanks, academics, and researchers. The committee continued its study into the following fiscal year.

Also in October 2017, the committee was authorized by the Senate to examine and report on issues pertaining to the management of systemic risk in the financial system, domestically and internationally. Due to the legislative agenda and the committee's reorganization in November, the committee has held no meetings on this study to date but intends to continue the study in the new fiscal year.

Beginning in January 2018, the committee launched a study of the effects that competitive economic challenges may have on Canadian importers and exporters. The committee also expressed an interest in exploring measures the Government could take to ensure that Canadian businesses maintain their global competitiveness. The committee continued its study in the following fiscal year with the goal of making recommendations to government about ways to identify opportunities and to mitigate competitive challenges to Canadian businesses.

As part of the committee's ongoing examination of the present state of the domestic and international financial system, the committee also heard from the Governor and Deputy Governor twice during the fiscal year regarding the Bank of Canada's Fall and Spring Monetary Policy reports.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twelfth	Bill S-224, An Act respecting payments made under construction contracts	2017-04-04	24	Bill S-224, with amendments
Thirteenth	Study on the current and emerging issues of the banking sector and monetary policy of the United States	2017-04-11	-	Budget
Fourteenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 3, 8, 18 and 20 of Part 4 of Bill C-44, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures	2017-06-07	29	Bill C-44, subject matter study
Fifteenth	Study and report on the development of a national corridor in Canada as a means of enhancing and facilitating commerce and internal trade	2017-06-21	40	Special study leading to final report <i>National Corridor: Enhancing and Facilitating Commerce and Internal Trade</i>
Sixteenth	Study on the current and emerging issues of the banking sector and monetary policy of the United States	2017-06-28	0	Special study leading to final report <i>Current and Emerging Issues of the Banking Sector and Monetary Policy of the United States</i>
Seventeenth	Study on the present state of the domestic and international financial system	2017-10-31	44	Special study leading to interim report <i>Credit Unions and the Use of the Terms "Bank", "Banker" and "Banking"</i>

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Eighteenth	Study and report on issues and concerns pertaining to cyber security and cyber fraud	2017-12-07	-	Budget
Nineteenth	Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Canada Business Corporations Act, the Canada Cooperatives Act, the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act and the Competition Act	2017-12-14	12	Bill C-25, with amendments
Twentieth	Bill S-237, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (criminal interest rate)	2018-02-13	11	Bill S-237, with amendments

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2017–2018***

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witness	No. of Reports
2017–2018	40	54.0	38.3	118	9
2016–2017	43	63.8	11.8	157	8
2015–2016	24	27.9	-	45	7
2014–2015	40	58.2	19.5	169	5
2013–2014	31	42.0	-	113	6

D. **Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$50,976
Witness Expenses	<u>\$13,123</u>
TOTAL	\$64,099

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Black (Alberta), Campbell, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Day, Enverga, Greene, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Massicotte, Moncion, Plett, Ringuette, Smith, Tannas, Tardif, Tkachuk, Wallin and Wetston

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Douglas Black (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Carolyn Stewart Olsen (Conservative)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Black (Alberta), Day, *Day (or Mercer), Downe, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Maltais, Moncion, Ringuette, *Smith (or Martin), Stewart Olsen, Tannas, Tkachuk, Unger, Wallin, Wetston and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Boisvenu, Carignan, P.C., Dagenais, Dawson, Forest, Galvez, Gold, MacDonald, Marshall, Marwah, Mockler, Neufeld, Omidvar, Patterson, Pratte, Sinclair, Smith and Woo

Committee Clerks:

Lynn Gordon

Barbara Reynolds (from January 2018 to March 2018)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Michaël Lambert-Racine (Library of Parliament) (until June 2017)

Olivier Leblanc-Laurendeau (Library of Parliament) (from September to October 2017)

Brett Stuckey (Library of Parliament)

Adriane Yong (Library of Parliament)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant) (from January to September 2017)

Kalina Waltos (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2017)

Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA)

A. General Information

The committee has a mandate to consider all matters of a financial or administrative nature relating to the internal management of the Senate. It reviews and authorizes the budget applications of committees, sets guidelines and policies on items such as senators' travel and research expenditures, and determines the propriety of any use of Senate resources. It should be noted that the committee is authorized to carry out its mandate on its own initiative rather than being dependent on an order of reference from the Senate (rule 12-7(1)).

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Twelfth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2017-05-09	-	Revised <i>Senate Administrative Rules</i>
Thirteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2017-05-16	-	Budget – communications consultant
Fourteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2017-06-08	-	International Travel Report
Fifteenth	To prepare amendments to the <i>Senate Administrative Rules</i> to provide all groups (caucuses) of senators with funding for a secretariat and research projects, regardless of whether the caucuses are organized with or without political affiliations	2017-06-15	2	Revised <i>Senate Administrative Rules</i> – Caucuses

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Sixteenth	To prepare amendments to the <i>Senate Administrative Rules</i> to provide all groups (caucuses) of senators with funding for a secretariat and research projects, regardless of whether the caucuses are organized with or without political affiliations	2017-06-15	2	Revised <i>Senate Administrative Rules</i> – Caucuses
Seventeenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2017-09-21	-	International Travel Report
Eighteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2017-09-26	-	Appointment of Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel of the Senate
Nineteenth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2017-10-17	-	Budget – legislation
Twentieth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2017-10-26	-	International Travel Report
Twenty-First	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2017-11-28	-	Special study leading to interim report <i>Audit and Oversight</i>
Twenty-Second	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2017-12-14	2	<i>Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ending March 31, 2017</i>
Twenty-Third	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2018-01-30	-	Budget – legislation
Twenty-Fourth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2018-02-08	-	International Travel Report

Twenty-Fifth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2018-02-08	-	<i>Senate Main Estimates 2018–2019</i>
Twenty-Sixth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2018-03-21	-	International Travel Report
Twenty-Seventh	Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2018-03-27	2	Special study leading to the interim report <i>Parliamentary Translation Services</i>

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018***

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	22	29.8	39	16
2016–2017	24	33.3	24	8
2015–2016	18	22.4	2	5
2014–2015	25	32.9	19	10
2013–2014	21	34.7	30	11

D. **Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	\$776
TOTAL	\$776

E. **Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018** (*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jane Cordy (Senate Liberal)

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Batters, Campbell, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Cordy, Downe, Dupuis, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Housakos, Jaffer, Lankin, P.C., Marshall, Marwah, McCoy, Mitchell, Munson, Omidvar, Smith, Tannas, Tkachuk and Wells

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Larry W. Campbell (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chairs (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters
(Conservative)

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson
(Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Campbell, Dawson, *Day (or Mercer), Forest, *Harder (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Jaffer, Marshall, Marwah, McCoy, Munson, Plett, Saint-Germain, *Smith (or Martin), Tannas, Tkachuk, Verner, P.C., Wells and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Boisvenu, Boniface, Carignan, P.C., Cools, Cormier, Dean, Frum, Harder, P.C., Joyal, P.C., Massicotte, McCallum, McPhedran, Mégie, Moncion, Pate, Pratte, Ringuette, White and Woo

Committee Clerks:

Nicole Proulx (until November 2017)
Pascale Legault (since November 2017)

Administrative Support:

The Internal Economy Secretariat supports the work of the committee and its subcommittees in varying capacities.

Audit Subcommittee (AUDT)

A. General Information

The Audit Subcommittee is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to oversee and direct the Senate's internal audit function. It reviews and presents the Quarterly Financial Reports and the audited Financial Statements. It also reviews management action plans to ensure that they are effectively implemented and addresses recommendations and findings arising from internal audits.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2017–2018

The following reports were presented to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration:

- ✧ Fifth report: Approval of the *Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ended March 31, 2017*;
- ✧ Sixth report: *Quarterly Financial Report of the Senate of Canada for the quarter ended June 30, 2017*;
- ✧ Seventh report: *Approval of the revised Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada for the year ended March 31, 2017*;
- ✧ Eighth report: *Quarterly Financial Report of the Senate of Canada for the quarter ended September 30, 2017*;
- ✧ Ninth report: *Quarterly Financial Report of the Senate of Canada for the quarter ended December 31, 2017*.

C. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

D. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Larry W. Smith (Conservative) (until December 2017)

The Honourable Senator Lucie Moncion (Independent Senators Group) (since December 2017)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Larry W. Campbell (Independent Senators Group) (until December 2017)

The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative) (since December 2017)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on March 10, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Batters, Campbell and Smith

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 7, 2017):

The Honourable Senators Batters, Carignan, P.C., Dawson, Moncion and Saint-Germain

Subcommittee Clerk*:

Jodi Turner

* In addition to the subcommittee clerk, the CIBA Secretariat supports the work of the subcommittee in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on Committee Budgets (BUDG)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on Committee Budgets has the mandate, from the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, to review committee budgets and to make recommendations on the allocation and release of funds.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2017–2018

The following reports were presented to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration:

- ✧ Eleventh report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Twelfth report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Thirteenth report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Fourteenth report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Fifteenth report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Sixteenth report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets;
- ✧ Seventeenth report: Recommended allocations for committee budgets.

C. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

D. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chairs:

- The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative) (until December 2017)
- The Honourable Senator Josée Verner, P.C. (Independent Senators Group) (since December 2017)

Deputy Chairs:

- The Honourable Senator Jane Cordy (Senate Liberal) (until December 2017)
- The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative) (since December 2017)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on March 10, 2016):

- The Honourable Senators Cordy, Doyle and Tannas

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 7, 2017):

- The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Forest, Munson, Tannas and Verner, P.C.

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:
The Honourable Senators Campbell and Saint-Germain

Subcommittee Clerk*:
Shaila Anwar

* In addition to the subcommittee clerk, the CIBA Secretariat supports the work of the subcommittee in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on Communications (COMS)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on Communications is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to advise the Senate on its communications strategy and implementation.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2017–2018

The following reports were presented to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration:

- ✧ Second report: *Disclosure of senators' expenses*.

C. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

D. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chairs:

- The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative) (until December 2017)
- The Honourable Senator Larry W. Campbell (Independent Senators Group) (since December 2017)

Deputy Chairs:

- The Honourable Senator Jane Cordy (Senate Liberal) (until December 2017)
- The Honourable Senator Denise Batters (Conservative) (since December 2017)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 10, 2015):

- The Honourable Senators Batters, Cordy, Housakos, Mitchell (non-voting member), and Wells.

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on April 14, 2017):

- The Honourable Senators Batters, Cordy, Housakos, Jaffer, McCoy, Mitchell (non-voting member) and Saint-Germain

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 7, 2017):

- The Honourable Senators Batters, Campbell, Jaffer, Saint-Germain and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

- The Honourable Senator Plett

Subcommittee Clerk*:
Shaila Anwar

* In addition to the subcommittee clerk, the CIBA Secretariat supports the work of the subcommittee in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on Diversity (DVSC)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on Diversity is a subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. It is mandated to examine issues of diversity in the Senate workforce and to conduct reviews of diversity reports tabled by the Senate Administration.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2017–2018

NIL

C. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

D. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mobina S. B. Jaffer (Senate Liberal)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on February 2, 2017):

The Honourable Senators Jaffer, Marshall, Omidvar and Tannas

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 7, 2017):

The Honourable Senators Jaffer, Marshall and Saint-Germain

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Omidvar and Tannas

Subcommittee Clerk:

Daniel Charbonneau

Analyst*:

Michael Dewing (Library of Parliament)

* In addition to the personnel listed here, the CIBA Secretariat supports the work of the subcommittee in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on Human Resources (HRRH)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on Human Resources has the mandate, from the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, to examine issues related to human resources in the Senate, including the monitoring of the transformation of the Human Resources Directorate. It also examines the working conditions and benefits of Senate employees and is conducting the review of the *Senate Policy on Prevention and Resolution of Harassment in the Workplace*.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2017–2018

NIL

C. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

D. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Elaine McCoy (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 7, 2017):

The Honourable Senators Jaffer, McCoy, Moncion, Tannas and Tkachuk.

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators McPhedran and Saint-Germain

Subcommittee Clerk*:

Daniel Charbonneau

* In addition to the subcommittee clerk, the CIBA Secretariat supports the work of the subcommittee in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on the Long Term Vision and Plan (LTVP)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on the Long Term Vision and Plan is mandated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration to, in coordination with the Senate Administration, supervise all steps, processes and decisions involved in moving the Senate and senators to their new temporary location while renovation work on the Parliament Buildings proceeds. It also examines the best way to ensure that the renovations of Centre Block respect its heritage and remain in the best interests of the Senate.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2017–2018

NIL

C. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

D. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberal)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on March 10, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Frum (non-voting member), Joyal, P.C. (non-voting member), Manning, Munson and Tannas

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on December 7, 2017):

The Honourable Senators Forest, McCoy, Munson, Plett and Tannas

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senator Pratte

Subcommittee Clerk*:

Shaila Anwar

* In addition to the subcommittee clerk, the CIBA Secretariat supports the work of the subcommittee in varying capacities.

Subcommittee on Senate Estimates (SEBS)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on the Senate Estimates has the mandate, from the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, to examine and report on the Senate's Main Estimates, including new funding requests, and on any Supplementary Estimates requests. It also examines funding allocations for Senate House Officers and Caucuses, Senators' Offices and the Senate Administration. It is also called on, from time to time, to study issues related to the management of the Senate's annual budget.

B. Reports to the Standing Committee in 2017–2018

The following reports were presented to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration:

- ✧ Fifth report: Auditor General of Canada's audit oversight recommendations;
- ✧ Sixth report: Review of the Senate's 2018–19 Main Estimates.

C. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

D. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chairs:

- The Honourable Senator David Wells (Conservative) (until November 2017)
- The Honourable Senator Lucie Moncion (Independent Senators Group) (since November 2017)

Deputy Chairs:

- The Honourable Senator Mobina S. B. Jaffer (Senate Liberal) (until November 2017)
- The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas (Conservative) (since November 2017)

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on April 21, 2016):

- The Honourable Senators Campbell, Downe, Jaffer, Tannas, Tkachuk and Wells

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration on November 23, 2017):

- The Honourable Senators Jaffer, Moncion, Saint-Germain, Tannas and Tkachuk

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

- The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Cordy, Dawson, Marshall, McCoy, Mercer, Plett, Verner, P.C. and Wells

Subcommittee Clerk*:
Daniel Charbonneau

* In addition to the subcommittee clerk, the CIBA Secretariat supports the work of the subcommittee in varying capacities.

Standing Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators (CONF)

A. General Information

The committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators is established under the *Rules of the Senate* to be responsible for all matters relating to the *Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* and to exercise general direction over the Senate Ethics Officer. The committee's responsibilities are further detailed in the Code. The Code was adopted by the Senate in 2005, and was amended since on four occasions: May 2008, May 2012, and April and June 2014. All those amendments resulted from recommendations made by the committee.

The membership of the committee is determined by a process that differs from that of all other committees. In accordance with the provisions of the Code, two members are elected by secret ballot in the respective caucuses of the government and opposition. A fifth member is then chosen by these four members. The chair of the committee must be chosen by at least four members of the committee. However, pursuant to a sessional order adopted December 7, 2016, and continued November 7, 2017, membership has been altered to be two members of the Conservative Party of Canada, one from the Senate Liberals, and two senators not belonging to a recognized party. The members of the committee are constituted as an Intersessional Authority during prorogation and dissolution periods and until a new committee is appointed in the new parliamentary session.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Second	Consideration of an inquiry report of the Senate Ethics Officer	2017-05-02	3	Consideration of an inquiry from the Senate Ethics Officer
Third	Consideration of an inquiry report of the Senate Ethics Officer	2017-06-21	0	Consideration of an inquiry from the Senate Ethics Officer
Fourth	Consideration of an inquiry report of the Senate Ethics Officer	2018-03-01	0	Consideration of an inquiry from the Senate Ethics Officer

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	16	20.4	3	3
2016–2017	4	5.8	-	1
2015–2016	6	4.3	2	1
2014–2015	14	15.7	9	3
2013–2014	14	16.9	6	4

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator A. Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C. (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee (agreed to by motion of the Senate):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Joyal, P.C., Patterson, Sinclair and Wetston

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Dara Lithwick (Library of Parliament)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant)

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Special Committee on the Charitable Sector (CSSB)

A. General Information

The Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector was created by an order of the Senate on January 30, 2018. It was appointed with the mandate to consider the impact of federal and provincial laws and policies governing charities, non-profit organizations, foundations, and other similar groups, and to examine the impact of the voluntary sector in Canada. The committee is set to submit its final report no later than December 31, 2018.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	1	0.3	-	-	-

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 (*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair (since February 26, 2018):

The Honourable Terry M. Mercer (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chair (since February 26, 2018):

The Honourable Ratna Omidvar (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on February 15, 2018):

The Honourable Senators *Day (or Mercer), Duffy, Frum, Griffin, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Martin, Mercer, Omidvar, Raine, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Committee Clerk:

Kevin Pittman

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Havi Echenberg (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Sweeney (Library of Parliament)

Kalina Waltos (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources (ENEV)

A. General Information

During the fiscal year, the committee engaged in one special study and examined four bills.

In 2017–2018, the committee continued its study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy. It is the committee's intention to make recommendations to assist the federal government in meeting its carbon reduction objectives by no later than December 31, 2018.

For this special study, the committee held 38 meetings and heard from 96 witnesses in total, consisting of government officials, electric utilities and industry representatives, energy experts, university students, major energy users and environmental organizations. On June 22, 2017, the committee released a second interim report on the transportation sector in Canada. It followed the release of a first interim report, on the electricity sector, in March 2017. The committee hopes to release three other interim reports and a final report that will contain recommendations to the federal government.

As part of this study on the transition to a low carbon economy, the committee participated in one fact-finding mission during the fiscal year. From April 30 to May 5, 2017, the committee conducted site visits and held fact-finding meetings in Eastern Canada, visiting St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Saint John, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

During the fiscal year, the committee studied four bills. First, in April 2017, the committee completed its consideration of Bill S-229, An Act respecting underground infrastructure safety. It heard from two witnesses and held two meetings on the subject. The committee adopted two amendments, one to clarify that territories were included when the bill referred to provinces and another to add some clarification to the English version of the bill.

In May 2017, the committee examined Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Rouge National Urban Park Act, the Parks Canada Agency Act and the Canada National Parks Act. After hearing from nine witnesses, including the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, government officials and stakeholders, the committee presented its report to the Senate, without amendments.

In June 2017, the committee examined Bill C-238, An Act respecting the development of a national strategy for the safe and environmentally sound disposal of lamps containing mercury. The committee heard from five witnesses and reported the bill back to the Senate without amendment but with observations. The committee is hoping that the federal government will lead by example when it comes to recycling all mercury-containing lamps in federal workplaces and Crown-owned buildings when they reach their end of life.

Finally, in December 2017, the committee examined Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act and to make a consequential amendment to another Act. The committee held two meetings and heard from 17 witnesses, including the Government of Yukon, mining associations, First Nations, federal government officials and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs. The committee adopted the bill without amendments but included observations in its report. The committee was concerned with the lack of timeline when it comes to replacement regulations. The committee recommended that the Government of Canada and its partners in this process draft and

implement replacement language expeditiously and that the federal government should provide the required funding and capacity support.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Bill S-229, An Act respecting underground infrastructure safety	2017-04-06	2	Bill S-229, with amendments
Seventh	Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy	2017-04-06	-	Budget
Eighth	Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Rouge National Urban Park Act, the Parks Canada Agency Act and the Canada National Parks Act	2017-05-31	9	Bill C-18, without amendment
Ninth	Bill C-238, An Act respecting the development of a national strategy for the safe and environmentally sound disposal of lamps containing mercury	2017-06-14	5	Bill C-238, without amendment but with observations
Tenth	Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy	2017-06-22	191	Special study leading to interim report <i>Decarbonizing Transportation in Canada</i>
Eleventh	Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy	2017-10-26	-	Budget
Twelfth	Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act and to make a consequential amendment to another Act	2017-12-24	17	Bill C-17, without amendment but with observations

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	34	52.9	41.3	117	7
2016–2017	38	60.8	76.3	95	4
2015–2016	16	20.3	-	52	7
2014–2015	38	53.5	40.7	128	8
2013–2014	34	47.2	64.5	106	8

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$60,665
Witness Expenses	\$15,839
TOTAL	\$76,504

**E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018
(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Richard Neufeld (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Paul J. Massicotte (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Black (Alberta), *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Day, Fraser, Griffin, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Lang, MacDonald, Massicotte, McCoy, Meredith, Mockler, Neufeld, Omidvar, Patterson, Seidman and Wetston

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 28, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Rosa Galvez (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair (since November 28, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Michael L. MacDonald (Conservative)

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Cordy, *Day (or Mercer), Dupuis, Fraser, Galvez, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), MacDonald, Massicotte, Mockler, Neufeld, Patterson, Richards, Seidman, *Smith (or Martin), Wetston and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Cormier, Dean, Duffy, Eggleton, P.C., Greene, Mitchell, Raine and Tannas

Committee Clerk:

Maxime Fortin

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sam Banks (Library of Parliament)
Jesse Good (Library of Parliament) (since March 2018)
Marc LeBlanc (Library of Parliament) (until March 2018)
Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs (LCJC)

A. General Information

The vast majority of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs' work entails the consideration of legislation, although the committee sometimes undertakes in-depth special studies on areas related to its mandate.

During this fiscal year, after an extensive review and hearings across Canada which began in 2016 involving 139 witnesses including judges at all levels of court, Crown lawyers, defence lawyers, the police and those affected directly by the criminal justice system, the committee tabled a comprehensive report that made 50 recommendations to address delays and modernize the justice system, of which 13 have been identified as priorities. The committee identified steps that the federal Minister of Justice, provincial governments, the judiciary and many other participants in the justice system should take to address this crisis. Key recommendations included the need to appoint Superior Court judges on the day of retirement of a judge; and the need for judges to improve case management, by imposing deadlines and challenging unnecessary adjournments.

In addition, the committee tabled a report entitled *Controlling Foreign Influence in Canadian Elections* as a result of the committee's review of the Chief Electoral Officer's report on the October 19, 2015 federal election as well as Elections Canada's conduct of the election. The committee's report made five recommendations aimed at preventing foreign influence in Canada's future elections and ensuring greater electoral fairness and more transparency regarding third-party election advertising expenses. A key conclusion in the report was the recommendation that the Government of Canada review and revise the *Canada Elections Act* to better protect electoral fairness and prevent foreign interference.

In the spring, the committee began its consideration of Bill C-46, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (offences relating to conveyances) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts as well as a pre-study of Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts.

Over the course of the fiscal year, the committee studied four government bills and one private members bill.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fourteenth	Bill C-37, An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to make related amendments to other Acts	2017-04-13	24	Bill C-37, with amendments

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Fifteenth	Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code	2017-05-18	24	Bill C-16, without amendment
Sixteenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 10 and 17 of Part 4 of Bill C-44, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures	2017-06-06	15	Bill C-44 – subject matter study
Seventeenth	Examine and report on the reports of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 42nd General Election of October 19, 2015 and associated matters dealing with Elections Canada's conduct of the election	2017-06-08	3	Special study leading to the final report <i>Controlling Foreign Influence in Canadian Elections</i>
Eighteenth	Bill S-236, An Act to recognize Charlottetown as the birthplace of Confederation	2017-06-13	2	Bill S-236, with amendments
Nineteenth	Study on matters pertaining to delays in Canada's criminal justice system	2017-06-14	139	Special study leading to the final report <i>Delaying Justice is Denying Justice: An Urgent Need to Address Lengthy Court Delays in Canada</i>
Twentieth	Bill C-305, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (mischief)	2017-06-21	6	Bill C-305, without amendment
Twenty-First	Document entitled <i>Proposals to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies and errors and to deal with other matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in the Statutes of Canada and to repeal certain Acts and provisions that have expired, lapsed or otherwise ceased to have effect</i>	2017-06-21	5	<i>Proposals to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies and errors and to deal with other matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in the Statutes of Canada and to repeal certain Acts and provisions that have expired, lapsed or otherwise ceased to have effect</i>

Twenty-Second	Bill C-60, An Act to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies and errors and to deal with other matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in the Statutes of Canada and to repeal certain Acts and provisions that have expired, lapsed or otherwise ceased to have effect	2017-12-04	3	Bill C-60, without amendment
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C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	33	56.4	-	155	9
2016–2017	50	94.5	13.5	270	11
2015–2016	30	51.2	-	168	9
2014–2015	53	104.1	-	269	21
2013–2014	31	56.1	5.2	120	11

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$2,902
Witness Expenses	<u>\$45,211</u>
TOTAL	\$48,113

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair (until August 10, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Bob Runciman (Conservative)

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Deputy Chair (until September 4, 2017):

The Honourable Senator George Baker, P.C. (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Batters, Boisvenu, Boniface, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Dagenais, Dupuis, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., McIntyre, Omidvar, Pate, Pratte, Runciman, Sinclair and White

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C. (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chairs (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Pierre-Hugues
Boisvenu (Conservative)

The Honourable Senator Renée Dupuis
(Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Boisvenu, Boniface, Carignan, P.C., *Day (or Mercer), Dupuis, Gold, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., McIntyre, Pratte, Sinclair, *Smith (or Martin), White and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Christmas, Dean, Doyle, Duffy, Eaton, Forest, Fraser, Frum, Griffin, Harder, P.C., Lankin, P.C., MacDonald, Marshall, Martin, McPhedran, Mitchell, Moncion, Plett and Unger

Committee Clerks:

Jessica Richardson (until June 2017)

Keli Hogan (since November 2017)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Maxime Charron-Tousignant (Library of Parliament)

Robin MacKay (Library of Parliament) (until January 2018)

Julian Walker (Library of Parliament)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant) (until September 2017)

Lori Meldrum (Administrative Assistant) (since September 2017)

Special Committee on Senate Modernization (MDRN)

A. General Information

The Special Committee on Senate Modernization was created following the adoption of a motion on December 12, 2015 to consider methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework. During the fiscal year, the committee considered how the modernization of the Senate is shaped by the Westminster system of governance. The committee also continued to study possible changes to the structure and scheduling of Senate committees.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee in Comparison

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	12	16.1	-	9	-
2016–2017	28	47.4	-	24	11
2015–2016	3	5.1	-	3	-

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$1,859</u>
TOTAL	\$1,859

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018 (*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Thomas Johnson McInnis (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C. (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Bellemare, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Dean, Dupuis, Eggleton, P.C., Forest, Frum, Gagné, Greene, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Joyal, P.C., Lankin, P.C., Massicotte, McCoy, McInnis, McIntyre, Stewart Olsen, Tardif, Tkachuk and Wells

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Stephen Greene (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chairs (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C.
(Senate Liberal)

The Honourable Senator Thomas Johnson
McInnis (Conservative)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators *Day (or Mercer), Dean, Eggleton, P.C., Fraser, Frum, Greene, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Joyal, P.C., Lankin, P.C., Massicotte, McCoy, McInnis, Ngo, Oh, *Smith (or Martin), Stewart Olsen, Verner, P.C., Wells and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Gold, Maltais, Marshall, Marwah, Mockler, Neufeld, Poirier and Pratte

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Analysts and Administrative Support:

David Groves (Library of Parliament)

Jean-Rodrigue Paré (Library of Parliament)

Marc-André Roy (Library of Parliament)

Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on National Finance (NFFN)

A. General Information

The committee was first created in May 1919 as the Committee on Finance, and, in 1968, it was renamed the Committee on National Finance. The committee's work is focused on matters relating to government spending. As stated in the *Rules of the Senate* (rule 12-7(5)), the committee has a mandate to examine matters related to federal estimates generally, including the public accounts and the reports of the Auditor General and government finance.

The committee has historically been, and continues to be, one of the Senate's busiest committees. A large part of the committee's work is devoted to a review of the government's estimates and issues arising out of that review.

Study of the Estimates and Legislation

As is customary, much of the committee's attention was focused on the estimates, which outline the government's expenditure plans. The committee held meetings to examine various aspects of the government's planned expenditures for 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 including the Main Estimates 2017–2018, Supplementary Estimates (A), 2017–2018, Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017–2018, Supplementary Estimates (C), 2017–2018, and a novelty, the 2018–2019 Interim Estimates.

Two bills were also reported by the committee:

- ✧ Bill C-44, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures, with amendment;
- ✧ Bill C-63, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures, without amendment.

With respect to Bill C-44, the committee undertook the study of its subject matter before its introduction in the Senate. This allowed the committee to hear many witnesses on the bill prior to it being read for the first time in the Senate.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifteenth	Study on the federal government's multi-billion dollar infrastructure funding program	2017-04-11	-	Budget

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Sixteenth	Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018	2017-06-15	46	Second interim report on the Main Estimates 2017–2018
Seventeenth	Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018	2017-06-15	12	Final report on the Supplementary Estimates (A), 2017–2018
Eighteenth	Bill C-44, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures	2017-06-20	2 (33 on the study of the subject matter)	Bill C-44, with amendments
Nineteenth	Study on the financial implications and regional considerations of Canada's aging population	2017-06-27	14	Special study leading to the interim report <i>Getting Ready: For a New Generation of Active Seniors</i>
Twentieth	Study on the federal government's multi-billion dollar infrastructure funding program	2017-07-06	51	Special study leading to the interim report <i>Smarter Planning, Smarter Spending: Ensuring Transparency, Accountability and Predictability in Federal Infrastructure Programs</i>
Twenty-First	Study on the Minister of Finance's proposed changes to the Income Tax Act respecting the taxation of private corporations and the tax planning strategies involved	2017-10-04	-	Budget
Twenty-Second	Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018	2017-12-06	14	Final report on the Supplementary Estimates (B), 2017–2018
Twenty-Third	Bill C-63, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures	2017-12-12	45	Bill C-63, without amendment
Twenty-Fourth	Study on the Minister of Finance's proposed changes to the <i>Income Tax</i>	2017-12-13	136	Special study leading to the final report <i>Fair, Simple and Competitive</i>

	Act respecting the taxation of private corporations and the tax planning strategies involved			<i>Taxation: The Way Forward for Canada</i>
Twenty-Fifth	Supplementary Estimates (C) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018	2018-03-22	17	Final report on the Supplementary Estimates (C), 2017–2018
Twenty-Sixth	Interim Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019	2018-03-22	3	Final report on the Interim Estimates 2018–2019
Twenty-Seventh	Study on such issues as may arise from time to time relating to federal estimates generally, including the public accounts, reports of the Auditor General and government finance	2018-03-29	-	Budget

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018***

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	79	145.3	-	346	13
2016–2017	57	96.9	-	263	10
2015–2016	33	47.3	-	161	9
2014–2015	56	88.0	-	302	11
2013–2014	50	81.7	-	267	12

D. **Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$194,921
Witness Expenses	<u>\$25,858</u>
TOTAL	\$220,779

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Anne C. Cools (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Baker, P.C., Black (Alberta), *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Cools, Cowan, Day, Eaton, Forest, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Marshall, Mockler, Moncion, Neufeld, Pratte, Smith and Woo

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 20, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Percy Mockler (Conservative)

Deputy Chairs (since November 28, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Mobina S. B. Jaffer
(Senate Liberal)

The Honourable Senator André Pratte
(Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Black (Alberta), Campbell, Cools, Day, *Day (or Mercer), Eaton, Forest, *Harder (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Jaffer, Marshall, Mockler, Neufeld, Pratte, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Batters, Bellemare, Dagenais, Dean, Doyle, Eggleton, P.C., Fraser, Frum, Galvez, Lang, Maltais, Marwah, Massicotte, McIntyre, Mercer, Mitchell, Moncion, Ngo, Ogilvie, Oh, Omidvar, Plett, Raine, Stewart Olsen, Tannas, Tkachuk, Unger and Wetston

Committee Clerk:

Gaëtane Lemay

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Sylvain Fleury (Library of Parliament)

Olivier Leblanc-Laurendeau (Library of Parliament) (until September 2017)

Alex Smith (Library of Parliament) (since September 2017)

Louise Martel (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Official Languages (OLLO)

A. General Information

In 2017–2018, the Standing Committee on Official Languages completed a study on the challenges associated with access to French-language schools and French immersion programs in British Columbia.

The committee also began a study on Canadians' views about modernizing the *Official Languages Act*, which will turn 50 in 2019.

The committee also received one other order of reference:

- ✧ Government Response to the fourth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages, entitled *Horizon 2018: Toward Stronger Support of French-language Learning in British Columbia*, tabled in the Senate on May 31, 2017.

The committee continued its study on the application of the *Official Languages Act* and of the regulations and directives made under it, within those institutions subject to the *Act*.

As part of its study on Canadians' views about modernizing the *Official Languages Act*, the committee travelled to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island from September 20 to 23, 2017, and to Winnipeg, Manitoba from February 14 to 17, 2018 to conduct public hearings and fact-finding missions.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

2 nd Session, 41 st Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Third	Study on the challenges associated with access to French-language schools and French immersion programs in British Columbia	2017-04-06	-	Budget
Fourth	Study on the challenges associated with access to French-language schools and French immersion programs in British Columbia	2017-05-31	48	Special study leading to the final report <i>Horizon 2018: Toward Stronger Support of French-Language Learning in British Columbia</i>

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Fifth	Examine and report on Canadians' views about modernizing the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2017-06-15	-	Budget
Sixth	Examine and report on Canadians' views about modernizing the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2017-12-14	-	Budget
Seventh	Examine and report on Canadians' views about modernizing the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2018-02-16	123	Special study leading to the interim report <i>Modernizing the Official Languages Act: The Views of Young Canadians</i>
Eighth	Examine and report on Canadians' views about modernizing the <i>Official Languages Act</i>	2018-03-29	-	Budget

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018***

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	26	48.4	8.5	111	6
2016–2017	21	39.0	12.7	76	1
2015–2016	12	15.9	-	41	4
2014–2015	23	39.0	-	72	3
2013–2014	19	30.2	7.5	57	3

D. **Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$82,202
Witness Expenses	<u>\$12,874</u>
TOTAL	\$95,076

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Claudette Tardif (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Rose-May Poirier (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Bovey, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Cormier, Fraser, Gagné, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Maltais, McIntyre, Mégie, Mockler, Moncion, Poirier, Seidman and Tardif

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 23, 2017):

The Honourable Senator René Cormier (Independent Senators Group)

Deputy Chair (since November 23, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Rose-May Poirier (Conservative)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Cormier, *Day (or Mercer), Gagné, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Maltais, McIntyre, Mégie, Mockler, Moncion, Poirier, *Smith (or Martin), Tardif and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Boisvenu, Dagenais, Oh and Smith

Committee Clerks:

Kevin Pittman (until June 2017)

François Michaud (since September 2017)

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant) (until August 2017)

Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant) (from September 2017 to February 2018)

Stéphanie Pépin (Administrative Assistant) (since March 2018)

Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans (POFO)

A. General Information

The Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans was authorized on April 14, 2016, to examine maritime search and rescue, including current challenges and opportunities. Hearings for the study began in May 2016 and continued until May 2018. During the course of the study, fact-finding missions were conducted in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, England, Ireland, Norway, Denmark, British Columbia and Québec City. The committee also held public hearings in Halifax, Nova Scotia and St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. The committee has extended its reporting date from June 20, 2018 to December 31, 2018 to allow for a fact-finding mission to Northern Canada in October 2018.

Bill S-203, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and other Acts (ending the captivity of whales and dolphins), was referred to the committee on November 23, 2016. The committee began its consideration of the bill on February 28, 2017, hearing from former Senator Wilfred Moore, who had been the sponsor prior to his retirement from the Senate. The committee heard from several other witnesses until October 2017. The committee reported it to the Senate with three amendments. The bill is currently being considered at Third Reading in the Senate.

Bill S-238, An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (importation of shark fins), was referred to the committee on November 23, 2017. The committee began its consideration of the bill on December 5, 2017, hearing from Senator Michael L. MacDonald, the sponsor of the bill. The committee heard from several other witnesses until February 8, 2018. The committee reported it to the Senate with six amendments. The bill is currently being considered at Third Reading in the Senate.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Study on Maritime Search and Rescue activities, including current challenges and opportunities	2017-04-13	-	Budget
Seventh	Bill S-203, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and other Acts (ending the captivity of whales and dolphins)	2017-10-31	30	Bill S-203, with amendments
Eighth	Study on Maritime Search and Rescue activities, including current challenges and opportunities	2018-02-01	-	Budget

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Ninth	Bill S-238, An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (importation of shark fins)	2018-02-13	15	Bill S-238, with amendments
Tenth	Study on Maritime Search and Rescue activities, including current challenges and opportunities	2018-03-29	-	Budget

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	30	35.1	51.8	55	5
2016–2017	27	46.9	33.0	90	3
2015–2016	10	8.8	-	2	6
2014–2015	27	49.3	69.0	113	5
2013–2014	15	20.5	15.5	39	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$83,714
Witness Expenses	\$15,472
TOTAL	\$99,186

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Fabian Manning (Conservative)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Elizabeth Hubley (Senate Liberal) (until September 7, 2017)

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberal) (from October 17 to November 19, 2017)

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Enverga, Forest, Gold, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Hartling, Hubley, Manning, McCoy, McInnis, Munson, Omidvar, Poirier, Raine, Sinclair, Stewart Olsen and Watt

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 23, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Fabian Manning (Conservative)

Deputy Chair (since November 23, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Marc Gold (Independent Senators Group)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Christmas, *Day (or Mercer), Gold, Greene, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Hartling, Manning, McInnis, Munson, Plett, Poirier, Raine, Ringuette, *Smith (or Martin), Watt and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Boisvenu, Bovey, Brazeau, Carignan, P.C., Coyle, Deacon, Downe, Doyle, Duffy, Dyck, Housakos, MacDonald, Martin, McIntyre, Pate and Unger

Committee Clerks:

Max Hollins (until June 2017)

Mireille LaForge (from September to October 2017)

Barbara Reynolds (from November 2017 to March 2018)

Chantal Cardinal (since March 2018)

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Odette Madore (Library of Parliament)

Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant) (until September 2017)

Debbie Larocque (Administrative Assistant) (since October 2017)

Standing Committee on Human Rights (RIDR)

A. General Information

Throughout the 2017–2018 fiscal year, the Standing Committee on Human Rights continued its study on the human rights of prisoners in the correctional system. The committee heard from several witnesses in Ottawa and across Canada during fact-finding missions and public hearings. In May 2017, the committee traveled to Brockville, Kingston and Montreal; in February 2018, the committee traveled to Kitchener and in March 2018, the committee traveled to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. During these visits, committee members held public hearings and visited several federal institutions where they met with staff and prisoners.

During the fiscal year, the committee also held meetings under its general order of reference on the *Export and Imports Permits Act* and on the human rights situation of the Rohingya. Furthermore, the committee studied An Act respecting Canadian Jewish Heritage Month and reported the bill to the Senate in May 2017 without amendment.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Study on the issues relating to the human rights of prisoners in the correctional system	2017-04-11	-	Budget
Seventh	Bill S-232, An Act respecting Canadian Jewish Heritage Month	2017-05-10	3	Bill S-232, without amendment
Eighth	Study on the issues relating to the human rights of prisoners in the correctional system	2017-10-31	-	Budget
Ninth	Study on the issues relating to the human rights of prisoners in the correctional system	2018-03-29	-	Budget

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	24	44.6	42.0	109	4
2016–2017	25	47.3	9.0	90	3
2015–2016	15	26.6	-	49	6
2014–2015	21	43.3	-	120	7
2013–2014	15	28.8	-	81	8

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$70,915
Witness Expenses	\$16,751
TOTAL	\$87,666

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**(*Ex officio members)****1st Session, 42nd Parliament**

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jim Munson (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Salma Atallahjan (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Atallahjan, Bernard, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Hartling, Hubley, Martin, McPhedran, Munson, Ngo, Omidvar, Pate and Unger

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Wanda Elaine Thomas Bernard (Independent Senators Group)

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Deputy Chairs (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Salma Ataullahjan
(Conservative)

The Honourable Senator Jane Cordy
(Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, Bernard, Brazeau, Cordy, *Day (or Mercer), *Harder
(or Bellemare or Mitchell), Hartling, Martin, Ngo, Pate, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Bovey, Campbell, Eaton, Fraser, Frum, Ogilvie and Poirier

Committee Clerks:

Mark Palmer (until March 2018)

Joëlle Nadeau (since March 2018)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jean-Philippe Duguay (Library of Parliament)

Erin Shaw (Library of Parliament)

Elda Donnelly (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament (RPRD)

A. General Information

In 2017–2018, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament presented five substantive reports. The fifth report addressed practices relating to omnibus bills in the Senate. The committee did not recommend any changes to the Rules in light of the availability of a procedure for dividing any type of bill, as well as the other mechanisms available to facilitate the study of complex bills.

The sixth report dealt with the case of privilege relating to leaks of the Auditor General's report on the audit of senators' expenses. The committee made a number of recommendations and observations with respect to confidentiality, including: improved training and education; the clarity and consistency of internal policies regarding the security of information; the definition of in camera; and obligations for third party contractors. The report was adopted with amendments by the Senate on June 20, 2017. Some of the recommendations direct further action by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

The seventh report recommended amendments to the Rules regarding recognized parties and recognized parliamentary groups, including time limits for debate and membership changes for committees. The eighth report recommended changes to the Rules for the Committee of Selection regarding the proportionality of its membership in relation to recognized parties and recognized parliamentary groups in the Senate. Finally, the ninth report recommended changes to the Rules stemming from the coming into force of the *Service Fees Act*, which replaced the former *User Fees Act*.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Fifth	Develop and propose amendments to the Rules of the Senate relating to omnibus bills	2017-04-06	0	<i>Dividing Bills</i>
Sixth	Case of privilege relating to the leaks of the Auditor General's report on the audit of the Senate	2017-04-13	8	<i>Report on the Case of Privilege Relating to Leaks of the Auditor General's Report on the Audit of Senators' Expenses</i>
Seventh	Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(a), consideration of amendments to the <i>Rules of the Senate</i>	2017-05-09	0	<i>Amendments to the Rules: Recognized Parties and Recognized Parliamentary Groups</i>

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Eighth	Process for determining the composition of the Committee of Selection and the composition of each standing committee	2017-05-31	0	<i>Amendments to the Rules: Membership of the Committee of Selection</i>
Ninth	Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(a), consideration of amendments to the Rules of the Senate	2017-10-26	0	<i>Amendments to the Rules: Service Fee Proposals</i>

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018***

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	16	15.5	-	1	5
2016–2017	17	21.0	-	8	3
2015–2016	13	13.2	-	13	4
2014–2015	10	8.5	-	3	2
2013–2014	11	14.6	-	14	5

D. **Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	\$413
TOTAL	\$413

E. **Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Vernon White (Conservative)

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Batters, Bellemare, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Cools, Day, Dupuis, Fraser, Frum, Gold, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., Lankin, P.C., McCoy, McInnis, Ringuette, Seidman, Tkachuk, Wells and White

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 28, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Conservative)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Murray Sinclair
(Independent Senators Group)
(since November 28, 2017)

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser
(Senate Liberal)
(from November 28, 2017 to February 6, 2018)
The Honourable Senator Serge Joyal, P.C.
(Senate Liberal) (since February 6, 2018)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Batters, Carignan, P.C., *Day (or Mercer), Eggleton, P.C., Fraser, Frum, Gold, Greene, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Housakos, Joyal, P.C., Lankin, P.C., Ringuette, Seidman, Sinclair, *Smith (or Martin), Wells, Woo and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Dagenais, Duffy, Maltais, Martin, Marwah, Mégie, Munson, Omidvar, Plett, Poirier, Unger and Verner, P.C.

Committee Clerks:

Charles Robert (until June 2017)
Till Heyde (since June 2017)
Catherine Piccinin (since November 2017)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

David Groves (Library of Parliament)
Dara Lithwick (Library of Parliament)
Marc-André Roy (Library of Parliament)
Sebastian Spano (Library of Parliament)
Ginette Ricard (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on National Security and Defence (SECD)

A. General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence continued to hear witnesses on its general mandate to examine and report on Canada's national security and defence policies, practices, circumstances and capabilities.

In early 2016, the Minister of National Defence wrote to invite the committee to contribute to the Defence Policy Review which the government was undertaking. Specifically, the committee was invited to comment on Canada's involvement in peace support operations. In response, the committee undertook a broader study of the issues related to the Defence Policy Review and tabled a report in the previous fiscal year entitled *UN Deployment: Prioritizing commitments at home and abroad*, which spoke directly to the minister's inquiry with respect to peace support operations. This work carried into this fiscal year, where it tabled two reports addressing broader issues of overall funding and support for the Canadian Armed Forces entitled *Military Underfunded: The Walk Must Match the Talk*, followed closely by *Reinvesting in the Canadian Armed Forces: A Plan for the Future*.

Finally, the committee conducted legislative work, including the consideration of Bill C-22, An Act to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians and to make consequential amendments to certain Acts, which it reported without amendment, but with observations; Bill C-23, An Act respecting the preclearance of persons and goods in Canada and the United States, which it reported without amendment; and Bill S-233, An Act to amend the Customs Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (presentation and reporting requirements), which it reported with amendments. The committee also examined and reported on the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 12 and 19 of Part 4 of Bill C-44, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eighth	Bill S-233, An Act to amend the Customs Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (presentation and reporting requirements)	2017-04-05	7	Bill S-233, with amendments
Ninth	Examine and report on Canada's national security and defence policies,	2017-04-11	-	Budget

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	practices, circumstances and capabilities			
Tenth	Study on issues related to the Defence Policy Review presently being undertaken by the government	2017-04-13	66	Special study leading to the interim report <i>Military Underfunded: The Walk Must Match the Talk</i>
Eleventh	Study on issues related to the Defence Policy Review presently being undertaken by the government	2017-05-08	64	Special study leading to the final report <i>Reinvesting in the Canadian Armed Forces: A Plan for the Future</i>
Twelfth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 12 and 19 of Part 4 of Bill C-44, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures	2017-06-06	4	Bill C-44 – subject matter study
Thirteenth	Bill C-22, An Act to establish the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians and to make consequential amendments to certain Acts	2017-06-19	29	Bill C-22, without amendment but with observations
Fourteenth	Bill C-23, An Act respecting the preclearance of persons and goods in Canada and the United States	2017-12-06	16	Bill C-23, without amendment

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	18	44.8	-	76	7
2016–2017	27	86.4	9.0	159	5
2015–2016	18	48.0	-	105	7
2014–2015	22	66.6	11.5	113	11
2013–2014	18	45.9	15.5	73	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>\$7,505</u>
TOTAL	\$7,505

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair (until August 15, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Daniel Lang (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Mobina S. B. Jaffer (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Boniface, Carignan, P.C., *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Dagenais, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Jaffer, Kenny, Lang, Lankin, P.C., McPhedran, Meredith, Saint-Germain and White

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Gwen Boniface (Independent Senators Group)

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Jean-Guy Dagenais
(Conservative) (since November 22, 2017)

The Honourable Senator Colin Kenny
(Senate Liberal)
(from November 22, 2017 to February 2, 2018)
The Honourable Senator Mobina S. B. Jaffer
(Senate Liberal) (since March 19, 2018)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Boniface, Brazeau, Dagenais, *Day (or Mercer), Doyle, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Kenny, McIntyre, McPhedran, Richards, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Black (Alberta), Black (Ontario), Cools, Day, Dean, Doyle, Gold, Griffin, Harder, P.C., Hartling, Maltais, Martin, Mitchell, Moncion, Oh, Pate, Runciman, Smith, Wallin, Wetston and Woo

Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Daniel McBryde (Library of Parliament) (since November 2017)
Constance Naud-Arcand (Library of Parliament) (since November 2017)
Marcus Pistor (Library of Parliament)
Holly Porteous (Library of Parliament)
Katherine Simonds (Library of Parliament)
Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant) (until June 2017)
Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant) (since June 2017)

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs (VEAC)

A. General Information

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs continued to hear witnesses on its broad mandate related to services and benefits provided to veterans and their families.

The subcommittee also continued its work in relation to a study related to creating a defined, professional and consistent system for veterans as they leave the Canadian Armed Forces. This study was still ongoing as of the end of the 2017–18 fiscal year, with its report tabled in the 2018–19 fiscal year.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs reports to the Standing Committee on National Security and Defence.

C. Activities of the Subcommittee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses
2017–2018	6	6.0	-	8
2016–2017	10	8.4	-	16
2015–2016	11	10.5	-	28
2014–2015	18	17.1	-	31
2013–2014	8	8.2	-	11

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	\$4,975
TOTAL	\$4,975

E. Subcommittee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Mobina S. B. Jaffer (until November 19, 2017)

The Honourable Senator Jean-Guy Dagenais (Conservative) (from February 7, 2018)

* Chart C ("Activities of the Subcommittee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Jean-Guy Dagenais (Conservative) (until November 19, 2017)

A deputy chair was not elected during the remainder of the fiscal year.

Members of the subcommittee (as nominated by the Standing Committee on National Security and Defence on February 5, 2018):

The Honourable Senators Boniface, Dagenais, Jaffer, McIntyre and Richards

Other senators who participated in the work of the subcommittee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Day, Lang, Manning, Saint-Germain, Wallin and White

Subcommittee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Havi Echenberg (Library of Parliament) (until August 2017)

Isabelle Lafontaine-Emond (Library of Parliament) (since August 2017)

Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant) (until June 2017)

Diane McMartin (Administrative Assistant) (since June 2017)

Committee of Selection (SELE)

A. General Information

At the commencement of each session, a Committee of Selection is appointed to undertake two functions under Rule 12-2(1) and 12-2(2): the nomination of a Speaker *pro tempore* and the nomination of senators to serve on standing committees and standing joint committees, respectively. The committee may also propose from time to time changes in the membership of a committee. In addition, the *Senate Administrative Rules* have delegated to the Committee of Selection the responsibility for the allocation of senators' offices, per 4:03-2(2).

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Sixth	Pursuant to rule 12-2(2) of the Rules of the Senate	2017-12-05	0	Nomination of senators to serve on committees (BILI, REGS, ARCT)
Seventh	Pursuant to the order of the Senate respecting creation of the Special Committee on the Charitable Sector	2018-02-15	0	Nomination of senators to serve on the Charitable Sector committee

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	4	1.1	-	2
2016–2017	3	1.7	-	2
2015–2016	3	0.6	-	4
2014–2015	1	0.1	-	1
2013–2014	4	0.5	-	5

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Donald Neil Plett (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee (as determined by order of the Senate on December 7, 2016):

The Honourable Senators *Bellemare (or Mitchell), Black (Alberta), Campbell, Fraser, Frum, Martin, Omidvar, Plett, Pratte, *Smith (or Martin), Tardif and Wells

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 23, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Donald Neil Plett (Conservative)

Deputy Chairs:

The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser
(Senate Liberal) (from November 23, 2017 to
February 2, 2018)

The Honourable Senator Terry M. Mercer
(Senate Liberal) (since February 2, 2018)

The Honourable Senator Ratna Omidvar
(Independent Senators Group)
(since November 23, 2017)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators *Day (or Mercer), Frum, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), Martin, McPhedran, Mercer, Omidvar, Plett, *Smith (or Martin), Tkachuk, Wallin, Woo and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Day, Neufeld, Saint-Germain, Tannas and White

Committee Clerk:

Blair Armitage

Administrative Support:

Brigitte Martineau (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology (SOCI)

A. General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology has the mandate to examine legislation and to study issues related to cultural affairs and the arts, social and labour matters, health and welfare, pensions, and housing. It is also responsible for considering fitness and amateur sport, employment and immigration, consumer affairs, and youth affairs.

During spring 2017, the committee studied and reported on the subject matter of Divisions 5, 9, 11, 13, 14 and 16 of Part 4 of Bill C-44, Budget Implementation Act of 2017 and continued public hearings on its study on the role of robotics, 3D printing and artificial intelligence in the healthcare system. The committee also considered and reported on three bills including Bill S-5, An Act to amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-smokers' Health Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, and Bill S-228, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (prohibiting food and beverage marketing directed at children), both of which were adopted by the committee with amendments.

In the fall of 2017, the committee tabled *Challenge Ahead: Integrating Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and 3D Printing Technologies into Canada's Healthcare System*, its final report on the study of the role of robotics, 3D printing and artificial intelligence in the healthcare system. The report contained 14 recommendations. The committee also examined and reported on six bills including Bill S-214, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (cruelty-free cosmetics) and Bill S-234, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Artist Laureate), both of which were adopted by the committee with amendments.

During the winter of 2018 the committee conducted a series of short topic studies under its general mandate, holding public hearings on Canada's post-war adoption mandate for unmarried mothers, the Registered Disability Savings Plan and Disability Tax Credit, the Creation of a Social Finance Fund and on child and youth mental health.

Over the course of the fiscal year, the committee completed the study of two government bills and nine Private Members' bills or Senate public bills. At the end of March 2018, the committee began examining Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

1 st Session, 42 nd Parliament				
Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Eleventh	Study on the role of robotics, 3D printing and artificial	2017-04-11	-	Budget

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

	intelligence in the healthcare system			
Twelfth	Bill S-5, An Act to amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-smokers' Health Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	2017-05-02	24	Bill S-5, with amendments and observations
Thirteenth	Bill C-233, An Act respecting a national strategy for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias	2017-06-01	3	Bill C-233, without amendment
Fourteenth	The subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 5, 9, 11, 13, 14 and 16 of Part 4 of Bill C-44, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and other measures	2017-06-06	32	Bill C-44 – subject matter study
Fifteenth	Bill S-228, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (prohibiting food and beverage marketing directed at children)	2017-06-21	19	Bill S-228, with amendments
Sixteenth	Bill S-214, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (cruelty-free cosmetics)	2017-10-05	9	Bill S-214, with amendments
Seventeenth	Bill S-210, An Act to amend An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, the Civil Marriage Act and the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	2017-10-05	1	Bill S-210, without amendment
Eighteenth	Study on the role of robotics, 3D printing and artificial intelligence in the healthcare system	2017-10-31	28	Special study leading to the final report <i>Challenge Ahead: Integrating Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and 3D Printing Technologies into Canada's Healthcare System</i>

Nineteenth	Bill C-277, An Act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada	2017-10-31	13	Bill C-277, without amendment but with observations
Twentieth	Bill S-218, An Act respecting Latin American Heritage Month	2017-10-31	2	Bill S-218, without amendment
Twenty-First	Bill C-36, An Act to amend the Statistics Act	2017-12-07	15	Bill C-36, without amendment but with observations
Twenty-Second	Bill S-234, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Parliamentary Artist Laureate)	2017-12-14	3	Bill S-234, with amendments
Twenty-Third	Bill C-311, An Act to amend the Holidays Act (Remembrance Day)	2018-02-01	4	Bill C-311, without amendment

C. **Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018***

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	47	71.6	4.0	193	13
2016–2017	36	53.1	-	103	8
2015–2016	24	32.2	-	62	6
2014–2015	47	69.2	-	171	13
2013–2014	34	49.8	-	97	11

D. **Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018**

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$591
Witness Expenses	<u>\$50,301</u>
TOTAL	\$50,892

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair (until November 6, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Kelvin Ogilvie (Conservative)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Art Eggleton, P.C. (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Cormier, Day, Dean, Demers, Eggleton, P.C., Frum, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Mégie, Merchant, Meredith, Neufeld, Ogilvie, Petitclerc, Raine, Seidman and Stewart Olsen

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Art Eggleton, P.C. (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chairs (since November 28, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Chantal Petitclerc
(Independent Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Judith Seidman
(Conservative)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Bernard, *Day (or Mercer), Dean, Eggleton, P.C., *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), MacDonald, Mégie, Munson, Neufeld, Omidvar, Petitclerc, Poirier, Raine, Seidman, *Smith (or Martin) and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Boisvenu, Bovey, Christmas, Cordy, Dagenais, Deacon, Doyle, Duffy, Dyck, Eaton, Enverga, Forest, Galvez, Griffin, Hartling, Jaffer, Lankin, P.C., Manning, McIntyre, McPhedran, Mockler, Patterson, Richards, Unger, White and Woo

Committee Clerk:

Shaila Anwar

Analyst and Administrative Support:

Sonya Norris (Library of Parliament)
Tracy Amendola (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications (TRCM)

A. General Information

The Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications has the mandate to examine legislation and study issues related to transport and communications by land, air, water, and space. It also deals with matters relating to tourist traffic, common carriers, shipping and navigable waters. During the fiscal year, the committee focused primarily on two matters: Bill C-49, the Transportation Modernization Act; and the special study on the regulatory and technical issues related to the deployment of connected and automated vehicles (CV and AV).

The automotive sector is in a period of rapid technological change. The Committee undertook the CV and AV study, at the request of the Minister of Transport, to identify the key regulatory, policy, and technical issues that need to be addressed for Canada to capture and maximize the potential benefits of this technology. The committee heard from over 78 witnesses from across Canada and the United States, including federal departments and agencies, think tanks, academia, industry, consumer groups, privacy groups, and unions. Senators also attended the Conference Board of Canada's conference on automated vehicles in Toronto and visited research facilities and test centres in the University of Waterloo and at QNX in Kanata, Ontario. In addition, the committee participated in an autonomous shuttle demonstration on Parliament Hill, which allowed members to experience for themselves the level of readiness of this new technology and gauge its potential uses and impacts in Canadian communities. The final report was released in January 2018. It makes 16 recommendations to the federal government which will help build a coordinated national strategy to successfully deploy these technologies.

In addition to the CV and AV study, in December 2017 the committee started its consideration of Bill C-49, An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act and other Acts respecting transportation and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts. This bill proposed several measures to strengthen the efficiency and safety of the transportation system, including a framework to establish new regulations regarding air passenger rights. The committee heard from 76 witnesses from across the air, rail and marine sectors, and reported the legislation to the Senate with 18 amendments in March 2018.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

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Report Number	Order of Reference	Date Y-M-D	No. of Witnesses	Content
Seventh	Study on the regulatory and technical issues related to the deployment of connected and automated vehicles	2017-04-06	-	Budget

* Chart B ("Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018") includes the number of witnesses who appeared on each order of reference that was reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018, even if their appearance was in previous fiscal years.

Eighth	Study on the regulatory and technical issues related to the deployment of connected and automated vehicles	2017-10-31	-	Budget
Ninth	Study on the regulatory and technical issues related to the deployment of connected and automated vehicles	2018-01-29	78	Special study leading to the final report <i>Driving Change: Technology and the Future of the Automated Vehicle</i>
Tenth	Bill C-49, An Act to amend the Canada Transportation Act and other Acts respecting transportation and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts	2018-03-28	76	Bill C-49, with amendments and observations

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018*

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Fact-Finding Mission Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	41	61.0	12.3	140	4
2016–2017	50	76.8	17.5	162	4
2015–2016	14	16.2	-	26	6
2014–2015	47	72.5	36.7	160	7
2013–2014	19	18.2	23.5	37	7

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$25,756
Witness Expenses	<u>\$28,977</u>
TOTAL	\$54,733

* Chart C ("Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018") includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018
(*Ex officio members)

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Chair:

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson (Senate Liberal)

Deputy Chair:

The Honourable Senator Michael L. MacDonald (Conservative)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 14, 2016):

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Bovey, *Carignan, P.C. (or Martin), Cormier, Dawson, Doyle, Eggleton, P.C., Greene, Griffin, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare), Hartling, MacDonald, Mercer, Omidvar, Runciman, Saint-Germain and Unger

Following the adoption by the Senate of the motion in relation to committee membership on November 7, 2017:

Chair (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator David Tkachuk

Deputy Chairs (since November 22, 2017):

The Honourable Senator Patricia Bovey
(Independent Senators Group)

The Honourable Senator Dennis Dawson
(Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee on November 20, 2017:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Bovey, Cormier, Dawson, *Day (or Mercer), Gagné, Galvez, Griffin, *Harder, P.C. (or Bellemare or Mitchell), MacDonald, Manning, Mercer, *Smith (or Martin), Stewart Olsen, Tkachuk and *Woo (or Saint-Germain)

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Beyak, Dagenais, Day, Dean, Duffy, Gold, Housakos, Maltais, Marwah, McIntyre, Mitchell and Plett

Committee Clerk:

Victor Senna

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Jed Chong (Library of Parliament)

Nicole Sweeney (Library of Parliament) (until December 2017)

Zackery Shaver (Library of Parliament) (since January 2018)

Lyne Héroux (Administrative Assistant)

Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament (BIL)

A. General Information

The Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament has been authorized to assist the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons in directing and controlling the Library of Parliament, and to make recommendations to the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons regarding the governance of the Library and the proper expenditure of moneys voted by Parliament for the purchase of books, maps or other articles to be deposited therein.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	-	-	-	-
2016–2017	-	-	-	-
2015–2016	1	0.08	-	-
2014–2015	2	1.3	2	-
2013–2014	2	1.8	-	1

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	NIL
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	NIL

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Joint Chair:

No Joint Chair from the Senate was elected during the fiscal year.

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Atallahjan, Eaton, Mercer, Merchant and Rivard

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection and as amended by the Senate on December 5, 2017):

The Honourable Senators Duffy, Eaton, Forest, McInnis and Mercer

Joint Committee Clerk:

Adam Thompson

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Marie-Ève Hudon (Library of Parliament)

Erin Shaw (Library of Parliament)

Maritza Jean-Pierre (Administrative Assistant) (until June 2017)

Kalina Waltos (Administrative Assistant) (since June 2017)

Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations (REGS)

A. General Information

The mandate of the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations is defined by the *Statutory Instruments Act*, which authorizes it to review and scrutinize certain statutory instruments made after December 31, 1971. In addition to its statutory order of reference, the Senate and the House of Commons have, since 1980, renewed an order of reference at the beginning of each session authorizing the Joint committee to study the means by which Parliament can better oversee and control the government regulatory process. Taken together, the statutory and sessional references of the committee provide it with a broad jurisdiction to inquire into and report on most aspects of the federal regulatory process.

In the 2017–2018 fiscal year, 17 meetings were held and the committee heard from 11 witnesses.

B. Reports to the Senate in 2017–2018*

NIL

C. Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018†

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	No. of Meeting Hours	No. of Witnesses	No. of Reports
2017–2018	17	22.9	11	-
2016–2017	16	24.5	12	2
2015–2016	4	5.0	-	1
2014–2015	13	14.7	-	2
2013–2014	10	12.4	-	2

D. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

(For more details, see Part III of this report)

Budget Expenditures	\$54
Witness Expenses	<u>NIL</u>
TOTAL	\$54

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† Chart C (“Activities of the Committee: A Comparison of Five Fiscal Years, 2013–2018”) includes the total number of witnesses heard during the fiscal year, including those on orders of reference which were not reported to the Senate during the fiscal year 2017–2018.

E. Committee Membership for Fiscal Year 2017–2018

1st Session, 42nd Parliament

Joint Chair:

The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day (Senate Liberal)

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection on December 9, 2015):

The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Frum, Martin, McCoy, Moore, Plett, Runciman and Smith, P.C.

Members of the committee (as nominated by the Committee of Selection and as amended by the Senate on December 5, 2017):

The Honourable Senators Day, Duffy, Stewart Olsen, Unger and Woo

Other senators who participated in the work of the committee during the 2017–18 fiscal year:

The Honourable Senators Gold and Wallin

Joint Committee Clerks:

Max Hollins (until June 2017)

François Michaud (since September 2017)

Analysts and Administrative Support:

Shawn Abel (Library of Parliament)

Evelyne Borkowski-Parent (Library of Parliament)

Penny Bucklumb (Library of Parliament)

Cynthia Kirkby (Library of Parliament)

Annie Trudel (Administrative Assistant)

Part III – Committee Expenditures

Detailed Committee Expenditure Report for 2017–2018

Senate committees may apply for a budget to, for example, travel or to engage the services of writers/editors or communications advisors. Budgets must be approved by the Senate (column A). In addition, certain expenditures are charged to a centralized budget managed by the Committees Directorate. These include videoconferencing fees and travel expenses for witnesses, which are both included in column B below. Other expenses which are charged to this centralized budget are included in column C below. These are general postage, coffee/tea/juice and working meals at committee meetings in Ottawa, and committee travel immunization charges.

Meetings and Expenditures, 2013–2018

Fiscal Year	No. of Meetings	Total for Senate Committees (A)	Witness Expenses (B)	Other Expenses (C)	Total Expenditures (A+B+C)
2017–18	608	\$836,424	\$384,081	\$101,655	\$1,322,160
2016–17	601	\$903,558	\$360,857	\$101,916	\$1,366,331
2015–16	336	\$85,566	\$169,531	\$58,225	\$313,322
2014–15	586	\$866,924	\$404,067	\$139,504	\$1,410,495
2013–14	422	\$303,431	\$212,433	\$103,393	\$619,257

Explanation of Standard Categories

The following table provides each committee's budget and actual expenditures, divided between General Expenses (for all expenses unrelated to specific committee trips), and each committee trip. Expenditures are further broken down into three standard categories:

1. **Professional and Other Services** (including research assistance, expert advisors, reporting and transcribing services and hospitality)
2. **Transportation, Accommodation and Living Expenses** (including airfare, hotels, per diems, working meals outside of Ottawa and ground transportation)
3. **All Other Expenditures** (including courier charges, rental of meeting rooms, reporting and interpretation equipment and printing)

Committee Budgets and Expenditures Report for 2017–2018

Name of Committee Session 42-1	BUDGET		EXPENDITURES			
	Total Budget	Budget	Professional & Other Services	Transport, Accommodation & Living Expenses	All Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
Aboriginal Peoples						
Special Study – New Relationship	219,578					
<i>General Expenses</i>		2,600	600	596	50	1,246
<i>Activity 1: Winnipeg, Prince Albert, Buffalo Lake, Siksika, Calgary</i>		216,978	2,544	2,861	91,524	96,928
TOTAL	219,578	219,578	3,144	3,458	91,573	98,174
Agriculture and Forestry						
Special Study – Acquisition of Farmland	58,590					
<i>Activity 1: Washington</i>		58,590	175	29,332	19	29,525
Special Study – Climate Change	360,188					
<i>Activity 1: Halifax & Montreal</i>		115,770	6,863	33,855	8,329	49,048
<i>Activity 2: Vancouver & Calgary</i>		159,874	9,448	62,681	14,852	86,981
TOTAL	334,234	334,234	16,486	125,868	23,200	165,554
Banking, Trade and Commerce						
Special Study – Banking Sector and Monetary Policy of the US	100,158					
<i>Activity 1: New York & Washington</i>		100,158	-	44,513	49	44,563

Special Study – Cyber Security and Cyber Fraud	19,064					
<i>Activity 1: New York</i>		19,064	2,243	4,170	-	6,413
TOTAL	119,222	119,222	2,243	48,684	49	50,976
Energy, The Environment and Natural Resources						
Special Study – Low Carbon Economy	106,636					
<i>Activity 1: Eastern Canada</i>		104,436	-	60,369	296	60,665
<i>Activity 2: Kanata & Nepean (Cancelled)</i>		2,200	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	106,636	106,636	-	60,369	296	60,665
Fisheries and Oceans						
Special Study – Maritime Search & Rescue Activities	221,450					
<i>Activity 1: United Kingdom, Ireland, Norway & Denmark</i>		125,000	-	60,672	6	60,678
<i>Activity 2: Comox & Victoria</i>		96,450	-	22,837	200	23,037
TOTAL	221,450	221,450	-	83,509	206	83,714
Human Rights						
Special Study – Human Rights of Prisoners	209,596					
<i>Activity 1: Toronto & Montreal</i>		71,250	2,522	24,000	5,204	31,726
<i>Activity 2: Kitchener</i>		52,862	3,105	11,808	3,793	18,706
<i>Activity 3: Renous, Dorchester, Springhill & Truro</i>		85,484	-	18,624	1,860	20,484
TOTAL	209,596	209,596	5,627	54,432	10,857	70,915
Legal and Constitutional Affairs						
General Expenses	6,000					
<i>General Expenses</i>		6,000			2,902	2,902
TOTAL	6,000	6,000			2,902	2,902

National Finance						
Special Study – Federal Government Infrastructure Funding Program	18,900					
<i>General Expenses</i>		18,900	-	-	14,560	14,560
Special Study – Proposed Changes to the Income Tax Act	300,700					
<i>Activity 1: St. John's, Halifax & Saint-John</i>		131,725	9,917	49,727	16,131	75,775
<i>Activity 2: Saskatoon, Calgary & Vancouver</i>		168,975	15,136	73,371	16,079	104,586
TOTAL	319,600	319,600	25,053	123,098	46,771	194,921
National Security and Defence						
Special Study – National Security and Defence Policies	72,810					
<i>Activity 1: East Coast (Cancelled)</i>		72,810	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	72,810	72,810	-	-	-	-
Official Languages						
Special Study – Access to French schools	17,440					
<i>Activity 1: Vancouver</i>		17,440	-	7,765	480	8,245
Special Study – Modernizing the Official Languages Act	135,400					
<i>Activity 1: Prince Edward Island</i>		67,400	3,665	31,671	3,682	39,019
<i>Activity 2: Winnipeg</i>		68,000	2,829	29,407	2,703	34,939
TOTAL	152,840	152,840	6,495	68,842	6,865	82,202
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)						
Joint Committee	2,250					
<i>General Expenses</i>		2,250	-	-	54	54
TOTAL	2,250	2,250	-	-	54	54

Social Affairs, Science and Technology						
Special Study – Healthcare System	8,300					
<i>General Expenses</i>		7,000	-	-	-	-
<i>Activity 1: Ottawa University & Hospital</i>		1,300	-	341	250	591
TOTAL	8,300	8,300	-	341	250	591
Transport and Communications						
Special Study – Connected and Automated Vehicles	134,287					
<i>Activity 1: Conference – Toronto</i>		31,304	5,828	7,238	-	13,065
<i>Activity 2: Waterloo</i>		54,038	-	11,441	450	11,891
<i>Activity 3: Kanata</i>		1,800	-	550	250	800
<i>Activity 4: Ann Arbor (Cancelled)</i>		47,145	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	134,287	134,287	5,828	19,229	700	25,756
TOTAL 42-1	1,906,803	1,906,803	64,874	587,827	183,723	836,424

* Please note that budgets of joint committees are funded at 70% by the House of Commons and 30% by the Senate. The amounts in this table reflect the Senate portion of the budget and expenditures.

Witness and Video Conference Expense Breakdown 2017–2018

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	TOTAL	AMOUNT
Aboriginal Peoples	73,752	
<i>Legislation</i>		40,106
<i>Special Study – First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples</i>		31,378
<i>Special Study – Legal Resp. First Nations</i>		2,268
Agriculture and Forestry	47,273	
<i>Legislation</i>		4,219
<i>Special Study – Climate Change</i>		40,654
<i>Special Study – Issues relating to Agriculture and Forestry</i>		2,400
Arctic (Special)	3,730	
<i>Legislation</i>		3,730
Banking, Trade and Commerce	9,519	
<i>Legislation</i>		9,519
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources	15,839	
<i>Legislation</i>		6,519
<i>Special Study – Low Carbon</i>		9,320
Foreign Affairs	22,998	
<i>Legislation</i>		19,751
<i>Special Study - Culture and Arts in Foreign Policy and Diplomacy</i>		3,248
Fisheries & Oceans	15,472	
<i>Legislation</i>		11,185
<i>Special Study – Maritime Search & Rescue</i>		4,287
Human Rights	16,751	
<i>Legislation</i>		14,369
<i>Special Study – Obligations</i>		432
<i>Special Study – Prisoners in the Correctional System</i>		1,950
Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration	776	
<i>Legislation</i>		776
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	45,211	
<i>Legislation</i>		45,211
National Finance	25,858	
<i>Legislation</i>		5,525
<i>Special Study – Aging</i>		5,365
<i>Special Study – Government Finance</i>		2,321
<i>Special Study – Income Tax Act</i>		9,609
<i>Special Study – Infrastructure</i>		3,038
National Security and Defence	7,505	
<i>Legislation</i>		7,505
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs	4,975	
<i>Special Study – Veterans Affairs</i>		4,975
Official Languages	12,874	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,222
<i>Special Study – Modernizing the Official Languages Act</i>		10,550
<i>Special Study – Official Languages Act</i>		1,103

Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament	413	
<i>Legislation</i>		413
Senate Modernization (Special)	1,859	
<i>Legislation</i>		1,859
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	50,301	
<i>Legislation</i>		45,000
<i>Special Study – Robotics</i>		5,301
Transport & Communications	28,977	
<i>Legislation</i>		18,900
<i>Special Study – Automated Vehicles</i>		10,077
TOTAL 42-1	384,081	384,081

* Please note that totals may not add up due to rounding.